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ON THE COVER:

Pizza crust made from rice makes for a tasty change from wheat and keeps your pals with special diets happy.

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Organic origins

When a product on the grocery shelf says it's organic, what exactly does that mean? Lisa Grace Marr talks about the issue in a special video on thespec.com.

Going underground

Watch the video clip about a local land-form called the Eramosa Karst. It's a collapsed cave network that includes a number of surface features such as sink holes and sinking streams.

Elton John tickets

Enter two contests to win tickets to the Elton John concert at Copps Coliseum on Nov. 5. Go to thespec.com/Elton and try to identify mystery music tracks to be entered in a draw for a pair of tickets. Or e-mail eltonjohn@thespec.com and tell us how Elton's music moved you.

Today's poll

The City Log poll on thespec.com asks: "Does God exist?" The poll is updated every 10 minutes and finishes tomorrow.

Cornered

by Mike Baldwin



"Returning to standard time is always difficult. I gain an hour of worrying."



PAUL WILSON

Henry Black is a bachelor. His mistress all these years has been the printed word. To the charms of a book, even a battered, musty one, he cannot say no. He has surrendered thousands of times.

He could have married. "I was propositioned five for six times," he says.

"I would have liked to be a married man, but I never felt secure. That's funny, with all the riches here."

Yes, riches abound at Black's Books, 1249 Main St. E. Don't look for the shop in the phone book. Henry doesn't have a phone. Don't look for an ad. Henry doesn't advertise.

But Black's Books does have books. They reach the roof and crowd the skinny aisles of this long shop. If it's not the world's biggest bookstore, it's the most cluttered.

Someday this must end. Henry is 76. His eyesight is failing and so is his hearing. "I'm trying to find the right person, somebody who likes books."

Henry has liked books since he was a boy. They used to have auction sales on York Street and Henry often bought books there. He would arrive home with another big brown bag and his father would say, "Henry, it's you or the books. Something's got to go."

Henry did go away. He pulls a slim volume from a stack near the door. It's a 50-year-old copy of the Xaverian, the yearbook for St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. There's Henry in a top hat, member of some arcane society. And there's Richard V. Bannon. "Ah, Dr. Bannon," says Henry. "He taught me Chaucer."

Henry was no scholar. "I got a lowly BA, just scraped through."

But he eventually landed a job with the Centennial Commission in Ottawa, working on projects such as the

Confederation Train. Henry loved the research.

He went on to a career with the communications arm of Energy, Mines and Resources. All the while, he collected books.

He stored them in a room built on the back of his brother's place in the country, 5th Concession, Waterdown.

And in 1989, Henry opened a shop on Locke Street South. He stayed there 10 years, while the street got trendy. Henry's building was sold and he had to move.

He would have liked Westdale, but it was too expensive. So he moved onto Main East. It's not prime real estate, but it is just around the corner from his house on Province Street.

There are no signs to say what's where, but Henry knows there are sections. Entertainment, Religion, Middle East, History, Canadiana, Art, Military.

Henry would arrive home with another bag of books and his dad would say "It's you or the books, son. Something's gotta go."

There's a nice 1906 Atlas of Canada. The Oxford Companion to Music is here, 1943 edition, 1,132 pages. So is the Rolling Stone Record Guide, 1979. And The Book of Predictions, 1980.

Here's The Lounger's Common-Place Book of Miscellaneous Anecdotes. Published MDCCXCIII. Henry does the calculations. That's 1793.

Most people want a paperback or two, but the odd collector comes by.

And there's the guy from the other side of Buffalo who arrives, explores Henry's jungle, fills a box with books and sells them on eBay. He's making the money Henry should be making.

In a secret chamber further down Main East, Henry has more stuff. "You're going to be shocked," he says, and unlocks the door.

Inside, old bottles, bicycles, maps, records, radios, a lobster trap, a wind-



TED BRELLISFORD, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Henry's bookstore is out of control, but he doesn't know what to do with it all.

up record player. Henry puts on one thick platter, cranks the machine and Ada Jones sings her 1916 hit, If I Knock The L Out of Kelly.

Henry has to be out of this overflow space in two weeks. He's a little frantic. But he says it will be a relief to get free of that. The shop alone is enough for any man. The books that rise around him are his life. They fill him up. "Oh, I've got a lot of stuff in my

head," Henry says. "There's too much in there, my boy."

"Too much history, tragedy, war. Some of it you want to forget. But you can't. You just live with it."

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MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 2°	 7°	 -1°	 8° 0°	 2° 0°	 8° 1°
Mostly cloudy, a flurry WINDS: NNW 7-14 km/h RealFeel: -3°	Mostly cloudy and cold WINDS: NW 8-16 km/h RealFeel: 2°	Partly cloudy and cold WINDS: W 4-8 km/h RealFeel: -2°	Some sun, then clouds WINDS: WSW 3-6 km/h RealFeel: 9° / -5°	Rain and drizzle; colder WINDS: E 12-25 km/h RealFeel: -6° / -10°	Snow and rain in the a.m. WINDS: WNW 8-16 km/h RealFeel: 1° / -9°

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Almanac

Statistics for Hamilton through 4 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
Normal High/low 12.9°/3.0°
Record High 24.4° in 1963
Record Low -3.9° in 1969

Precipitation
Today's Normal 2.1 mm
Yesterday 0.8 mm
Month to date 93.2 mm

Air Quality (At 4 p.m. yesterday)
Hamilton Downtown 14, very good

0-15 16-31 32-49 50-99 100+
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0-15 16-31 32-49 50-99 100+
Hamilton Mountain 16, good

Hamilton West 13, very good
Burlington 14, very good
St. Catharines 14, very good
Oakville 15, very good

Source: Ontario Ministry of Environment

UV Index

8am	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	+
10am	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	+
12pm	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	+
2pm	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	+
4pm	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	+

Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. Shown is the highest value for today.
0-2: Low, **3-5:** Moderate, **6-7:** High, **8-10:** Very high, **11+:** Extreme

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:21 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:32 a.m.
Moonset today 7:57 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
			
Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 20

Weather Trivia™

1859: Just before daybreak, a tornado burst upon Coldwater, ON. Several buildings were blown to pieces. The twister lifted a school house from its foundation and carried it into an adjoining lot. It blew roofs and barns out of sight. Even household articles wafted through the air to parts unknown. Had this occurred when residents were not in their beds, many lives would likely have been lost.

Courtesy David Phillips,

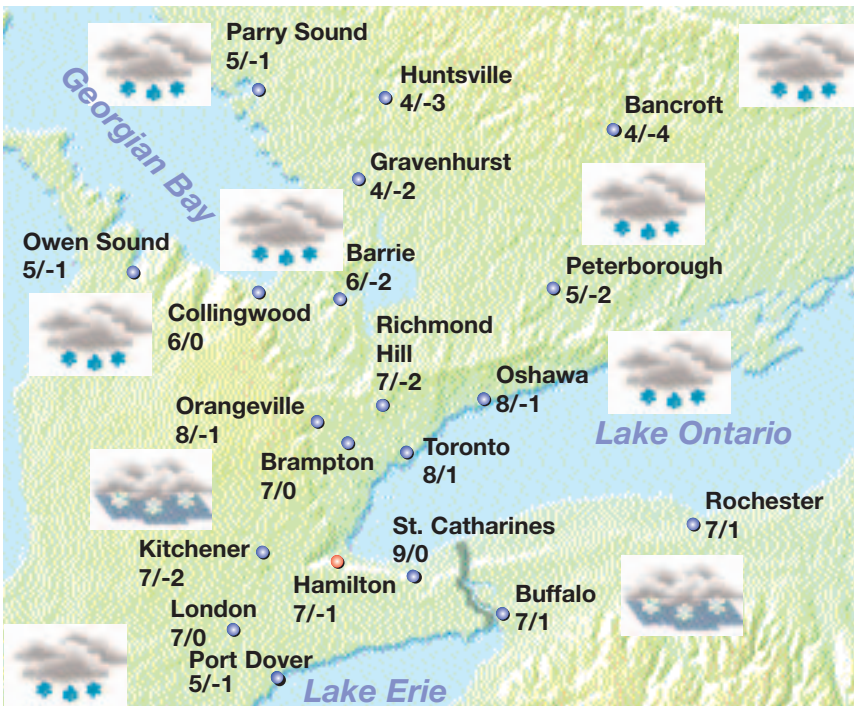
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Local Forecast Today

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows



United States Cities

	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat		Today	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	18/8pc	14/10t	16/7c	18/9s	Miami	26/20s	28/24pc	31/22c	28/20c
Boston	12/4pc	13/8s	9/5c	13/6r	Minneapolis	10/0pc	8/1c	3/1pc	8/2pc
Buffalo	7/1c	8/1s	5/3r	7/1r	New York	12/7pc	13/4s	9/7r	13/8c
Chicago	10/4s	9/4r	11/2c	10/2pc	Orlando	24/13s	28/13pc	29/18c	25/15c
Dallas	24/17t	27/11pc	23/9s	27/12s	Phoenix	28/16s	28/13s	29/14pc	29/14pc
Denver	13/-2r	7/-3r	17/1s	18/2s	San Francisco	24/9s	24/9s	23/10s	21/10s
Honolulu	30/22pc	30/22pc	29/22s	29/22s	Seattle	12/8c	14/9r	14/8c	13/7r
Las Vegas	25/11s	22/9s	24/10s	24/11s	Tampa	24/14s	28/21pc	28/23t	24/17t
Los Angeles	24/13pc	29/12s	30/13s	28/13s	Washington	12/6pc	12/5pc	12/8r	14/7c

International Cities

	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat		Today	Thu	Fri	Sat
Acapulco	32/25pc	31/26t	31/25t	32/24c	Jerusalem	20/14r	21/14pc	21/14pc	20/10pc
Amsterdam	14/11sh	18/8sh	14/9pc	15/8pc	Johannesburg	34/15s	30/14pc	27/13pc	24/13pc
Athens	26/19pc	25/19s	26/19s	26/19s	Kyiv	15/7sh	12/7pc	15/3pc	7/2c
Baghdad	28/18pc	30/19pc	25/17pc	24/16sh	London	15/12r	18/8pc	15/7pc	14/10pc
Bangkok	33/24pc	33/24pc	32/24pc	32/23c	Madrid	20/12r	20/12sh	25/10c	27/9pc
Beijing	14/3pc	13/7pc	16/8pc	19/4s	Mexico City	25/10t	24/9pc	21/8sh	22/9pc
Belgrade	21/10pc	23/13pc	25/12s	12/1pc	Moscow	11/9r	12/4c	7/5r	6/1pc
Bermuda	24/19pc	25/20pc	25/22pc	27/23pc	Nassau	27/22s	28/23s	32/24pc	31/23t
Berlin	15/9pc	20/13c	15/7s	13/5pc	Paris	16/15sh	21/12pc	16/9pc	18/9pc
Budapest	17/8pc	19/9c	22/4pc	11/-2pc	Rio de Janeiro	24/20pc	27/21pc	28/23pc	29/22pc
Cancun	31/24pc	31/24t	31/22t	31/22c	Rome	24/16pc	26/16s	26/15s	25/14s
Dom. Rep.	32/24pc	29/22c	31/23c	30/22c	Stockholm	8/2pc	8/7r	9/4r	1/-3pc
Dublin	13/11r	14/8pc	14/10r	14/10r	Sydney	21/16t	21/17pc	19/13pc	18/12s
Edinburgh	11/6r	9/2r	9/6r	13/12pc	Tehran	19/14sh	19/14pc	19/13pc	17/13pc
Havana	28/20pc	30/20c	28/21t	27/19c	Tokyo	18/13pc	18/12pc	19/12sh	19/12pc
Ho Chi Minh	33/23pc	32/24pc	33/23pc	34/23pc	Vienna	15/9pc	21/16pc	22/13pc	16/8pc
Hong Kong	28/22pc	28/22pc	28/23pc	29/24pc	Warsaw	12/4pc	16/12c	18/4pc	7/2c
Istanbul	21/17pc	19/13pc	18/16s	19/13pc	Zagreb	19/9pc	23/9pc	24/11s	11/2pc