

GRAPE VINE

Norval cemetery meeting
Halton MP Julian Reed's latest development application for some of Norval will be the subject of a public meeting on Sunday, Sept. 14 in the hamlet.

The meeting will be hosted by Heritage Halton Hills and will focus on Reed's controversial plans for part of the 1820 Pioneer cemetery that he owns.

Reed, whose consultant said there are no bodies in the one section that he had closed, is pitted against local residents who claim grave headstones were vandalized and although the headstones aren't there any more, the bodies are.

Area councillor Kathy Gastle said that the people aren't opposed to Reed building on the land outside the cemetery, but won't stand for anything being built over graves and, "that's where the problem lies," no pun intended.

OMB hearing underway

Proposed plans for a 45 unit townhouse condo development in the Kingsmill area is the focus of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing which began yesterday at the Civic Centre.

It's expected the main issue before the OMB at the hearing will be water - Halton Region is opposed to the development on the grounds that it does not have a water allocation.

Area residents have repeatedly tried to convince Town Council to oppose the plan. They say that what the densely populated neighbourhood needs is more park land and open space, not more housing.

Back from the edge!

Compliance orders under the Ontario Health and Safety Act were issued against both the contractor and a sub-contractor at the Mountainview Road bridge replacement site where a crane toppled last month.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the crane, owned by Drillco Foundation Company of Mississauga, had been placed too close to the edge of a bridge excavating wall, and it fell in.

No one was injured but the Ministry suspended crane work on the site until the investigation was complete.

The order against Drillco warns the company not to put its crane so close to its excavation site and the second order, against Mardave Construction of Woodbridge, orders it to ensure that every worker on the site complies with all of the Occupational Health and Safety Act regulations.

Ministry of Labour spokesperson Moira McIntyre said that the companies had already complied with the orders by constructing a stable pad to re-enforce the ground under the crane, used to drive metal stabilizing rods into the ground.

Wilber Park Lake, Georgetown, Ont.



ROW YOUR BOAT: Turn of the century boaters enjoy one of Georgetown's great pasttimes of the day - rowing with sweethearts on the waters of Wilber Park Lake. (photo courtesy of ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

Yanks get sex, we get the pits

Being a political junkie, I've been keeping a critical eye on the Presidential nomination conventions south of the border. President Clinton (Slick Willie) will now officially take on Senator Dole (the Old Geezer) in the months leading up to the November election.

There are two things I really like about the U.S. system. First, the head of state has to run on his own right. Here, of course, the leader (elected leader only via back-room machinations and cronyism) of the party getting the most seats is automatically crowned P.M. If we had the U.S. system here, I suspect we would have a Liberal parliament with Jean Charest as P.M.

Second, I like the fact that elections are held every four years on the same day, and that no President can run two consecutive terms. You never see the U.S. President flitting around the country playing silly little mind games as to when the election will be held. I'm so sick of federal and provincial leaders playing out this childish charade while the major media follows them around and pretends that somebody actually cares. Who needs coy politicians? More competent ones would be nice.

The conventions Stateside are a far cry from the rambunctious gatherings of 25 years ago. Now, the outcome is pre-determined from the start. Everyone went ga-ga over Elizabeth Dole's speech where she told us over and over why she loved Bob. Granted, it was a masterful public speaking performance and the Senator has overcome tremendous obstacles in his life and should be respected. But is this any reason to think he should be President? Ailene Chretien so loves her man that she packs a loaded Inuit statue to protect him.

But I'm going to need a tad more than that to vote Liberal next time.

This whole trend of having to know all the personal habits and

foibles of our leaders is going way too far. About the time Mrs. Dole introduced the nurse who cared for Bob right after the war, I started to fear she was going to say, "And in spite of all the suffering Bob went through, to this day he has never had a hemorrhoid." I mean, we heard all about almost everything else for God's sake.

Over at the Democrat convention, Slick Willie was blind-sided when it was disclosed that his chief political advisor used to let his \$200 per hour hooker eavesdrop on Presidential telephone calls. It is alleged that former aid Dick Morris was trying to impress his - um - er - part-time employee.

Now, I went to Catholic school, so I have absolutely no experience in this area, but it seems to me that the only Presidents who would impress a lady in this kind of work would be the ones who appear on the aforementioned \$100 bills. Mr. Morris appeared with his wife who, as fate has it, is a lawyer. He, while not denying the allegations, pleaded for privacy. "I have my wife and we're in love," he said. Ain't that sweet?

Meanwhile, from our "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" file, his wife Eileen McGann (the lawyer, remember) is shown standing arm-in-arm. On her face, however, is a slightly bemused expression: a dirty little grin with her eyes cast away from him and down.

My experiences living with five females, plus the survival skills present in any married male, tells me exactly what that look means. She is thinking, *After this is over*



The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary

Bucko, I'm going to nail you sooo bad! You'll be lucky to have enough left to call your little friend from a pay phone.

As I said to The Bride and my Ladies the other night - serves him right! Honest, I did!

The conventions were pretty dull except for the rent-a-date episode the Democrats had. Republican and Democratic election platforms are radically different. That's kind of a refreshing change from here, where both the Liberals and Tories try to push each other off the middle.

The Yankees have better scandals too. In Canada, the biggest titillation we've had this summer was the revelation that one of our Generals' wives spent \$129 of taxpayers' money to get her armpits waxed. Later, it was suddenly discovered to be a hairdressing appointment, which made me even madder. For \$129 I think one should get a shampoo, cut and spit-shine with carnuba wax. I also noticed that this same General charged us \$10,000 for "housecleaning" over nine months. The General is posted to Washington. You don't think he could be paying \$200 per hour for "housecleaning" do you? Naaw! Only the Americans have juicy scandals like that. Ours are the pits!

Are you enjoying the "Canada Cup"? No, it's not the "World Cup" no matter what that twerp Bettman says. After my hissy-fit over Canada's Olympic uniforms, I hate to sound like a broken record but who's the twinkie who designed the Team Canada jerseys? Can't we get this straight? Our team colours are red and white, not red, white and black - no matter what Nike says.

What is on their behinds? I think it's supposed to be a stylized maple leaf. On TV though, it appears they are wearing fanny packs. We need a Royal Commission to settle this uniform thing once and for all!

Julian - over to you.

HEY!

Are you looking forward to going back to school? Why or why not?



"Yes. I'm looking forward to all the new experiences, subjects, teachers and gym (class).

Kyle Boudreau, Sims Gate



"Not really. The only thing I'm looking forward to is seeing all my friends."

Derrick Irwin, Mountainview Road



"Just a little bit. I'm not going to meet any new people. I'm going to be with the same teacher, in the same classroom, and the same everything."

Kayla Cox, Sims Gate



"Kind of, in a way. I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends again."

Brian Hendry, Brock Street