

Main Street options discussed at meeting

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The November meeting of the Georgetown Community Consultation Committee included Business Improvement Area chair Emma Rock's presentation on the concerns of downtown merchants with regard to recent events on the street.

Rock told the committee that a variety of options are being investigated to help solve the problems of loitering, vandalism, and reports of possible drug dealing. Rock said that Town of Halton Hills councillors have taken a proactive role in trying to find solutions to these problems.

Sergeant Scott McLaughlin reported that October had been a fairly quiet month for the Halton Regional Police Service with 12 incidents of thefts from cars reported, 41 charges of

theft under \$1,000, 42 assault complaints (18 charged, four outstanding), a few arsons, and a continuing focus of stopping a series of break-ins on Dublin Line and capturing the culprits involved.

Those break-ins have police investigating a possible connection with similar break-ins reported by Guelph and Caledon OPP, who report break-ins with definite similarities.

Sgt. McLaughlin also reported that in addition to Halton Regional Police Service's RIDE program, the Christmas program will soon be activated.

Regarding the continuing traffic situations on Maple Avenue and Mountainview Road, Sgt. McLaughlin reported that United Aggregates Ltd., (UAL) has been helpful in responding to the complaints of Maple Avenue

residents.

"UAL has helped tremendously. If a truck is on Maple Avenue before 6 am (the posted truck traffic curfew), the driver is banned from the quarry for one week. That translates to a lot of money because they are paid by the run," McLaughlin said.

The committee also heard that in a recent Ministry of Transportation truck safety blitz, HRPS assisted in pulling over 19 trucks, of which 11 had serious safety violations.

Members of the police service are hosting a dance, from which the money raised will go to benefit two youth centres, one in Georgetown, the other in Milton.

Committee member Doug Magwood prevailed upon the committee to send a letter of support for the police service budget. The budget will mean 10 more constables in Halton.

Regional Public Works commissioner resigns

Art Leitch, the Commissioner of Planning and Public Works for the Region of Halton, has tendered his resignation, effective Nov. 29.

Leitch started at the Region in April of 1991 as Commissioner of Public Works and became Commissioner of Planning and Public Works in July, 1995.

"Mr. Leitch is leaving the Region to pursue a career in the private sector," said Regional Chair Joyce Savoline. "He has brought a wealth of information and knowledge to the Region which has been utilized to Halton's benefit for the past five years. He will be missed by staff and councillors alike."

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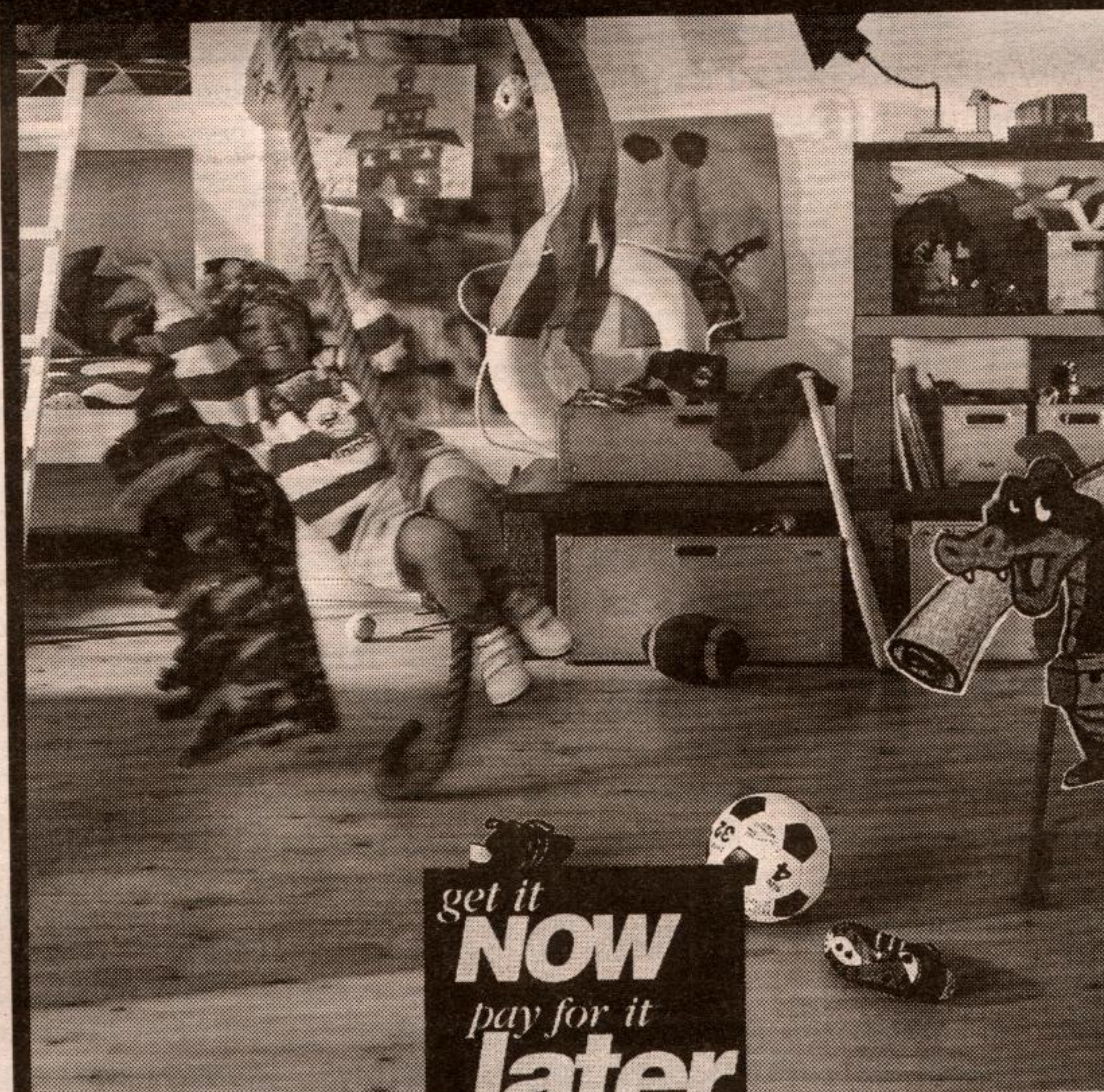
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