

Free Press Letters

French Immersion class offered in Georgetown

Dear Sir,
Where are the Acton children this year for the French Immersion program being offered at Joseph Gibbons school? The school is located conveniently at the Acton end of Georgetown, just off Highway 7.
For children in the Acton area presently enrolled in kindergarten the French Immersion program offers an excellent opportunity to learn another language. The program is "50 per cent immersion" with maths and reading taught in English and physical education, music and environmental studies taught in French. The program will continue until the Grade 6 level at

Joseph Gibbons providing enrolment doesn't decline dramatically. At present all the parents of the grade 1 children now enrolled have re-enrolled their children for grade II next fall.
Six children from Acton are enrolled in the current grade I program and travel to Georgetown by carpool.
At present, the program has openings for Acton children. Interested kindergarten parents can call Mrs. Mitchell at the Halton Board of Education 878-8451.
Yours sincerely,
Marvyn Morgan, 8 Ann St. Georgetown; Carol McMurray, 55 Joycelyn Cr., Georgetown

Superior Glove Problems due to Import-Export Act

Following is a copy of a letter sent to Bill Rannachan, in reply to a newspaper article published in another newspaper, and filed with The Acton Free Press for publication:
Dear Mr. Rannachan:
It has come to my attention through a newspaper that the working conditions at Superior Glove Works, Acton, are not up to standards.
Well, I am one of the employees laid off. The reason given for my lay-off was a valid one and the union was not involved.
There were allegations mentioned that the washroom and cafeteria facilities are in need of improving. That's not true, in fact, the whole newspaper write-up was nothing but a big farce and whoever gave you all that information doesn't know what he or she is talking about.
Even though I no longer work at Superior, there are no hard feelings, in fact, Frank Geng gave recommendations to laid-off employees. If it wasn't for the fact that imports are hard on Canadian products I'd probably still have my job.
It is not Frank nor Superior Glove that isn't up to Standards—it's the Import-Export Act of Canada which makes it easier for products to be

imported at a cheaper price and therefore comes lay-offs in Canada.
You also realize that there is usually one bad apple in a barrel. Well, somehow you managed to find it and now it's being played to the hilt and because of a few misguided words Superior and employees will probably suffer.
Working conditions at a factory is one thing but morale is what makes it! Before you act on your informant's imagination, you'd better weigh both the pros and cons mainly because there are a lot of people, like myself who enjoyed working there, the way it is.
I'm not against unions on a whole, but both Superior and myself have done quite well without one.
Your informant has done a very good job of disrupting a factory that was once like a big family by having an over-worked imagination. I personally think Superior is one of the best places I've ever worked.
One thing you will find there, is that if you have any complaints you can talk it over with Frank and more than likely you come to some kind of agreement.
Please contact the other lay-off employees and get their opinions as this is my personal feelings.
Yours truly,
June Reitz

ARF picks Marks new Halton Director

The Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) appointed Peter Marks, of Acton, its new director for Halton.
Mr. Marks, Tidy Avenue, succeeds Peggy Palmer who recently took over the directorship of ARF's Hamilton branch.
The former director departed with affairs in excellent shape. Mr. Marks said Tuesday. He contemplates no major change in Halton ARF's direction.
"We will strengthen the priorities we have set and modify programs to meet changing community needs."
Halton's ARF, based in Oakville, operates through the entire region.
For three and a half years Mr. Marks has been a community consultant with ARF. Five years ago he started working part time with ARF and for five years after 1969 he was a foundation volunteer in schools and jails.
Mr. Marks, 35, is completing a Masters in Counselling Psychology from the Adler Institute. Mr. Marks was raised in Acton and graduated from what is today Bishop Macdonell High School at Guelph.
In Halton ARF just finished a two-year needs assessment of the school system, as part of the foundation's prevention efforts to strengthen the drug and alcohol curriculum. Mr. Marks said children must be taught to be responsible with alcohol and drugs.
Prevention is one of three prongs in Halton's attack on addiction prob-



Peter Marks

would also apply in Halton Region.
ARF also helps other agencies with the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction. Halton ARF also helps train field staff agencies such as the Mental Health Team, Children's Aid Society, family counselling public health. The family court also draws on ARF programs. On its own ARF makes assessments and referrals for clients.
The ARF budget, according to Mr. Marks, is minimal. Certainly in Halton the figure works out to be less than \$1 per person. ARF's Metro Toronto Region—which includes the Metro area plus Peel and Halton—was about \$2 million.



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Car fire

A Georgetown man is shopping for a new car this week after fire ripped through his automobile completely destroying it.
Halton Hills fire chief estimates \$2500 in damages to the car, owned by John Fokkens, 19 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown. Apparently, reports Mr. Holmes, the driver was attempting to start the vehicle when it stalled and flooded. The incident occurred on the Fourth Line, south of Highway 7.

On hydro corridor

Meeting with Premier

Halton Council will await word from Halton Hills before deciding to appeal an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) ruling which allows Ontario Hydro to extend a power corridor through that part of the region.

Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy said after regional council Wednesday, Feb. 21, he was pleased Halton would call a special meeting if Halton Hills decides to appeal the OMB ruling.

The order allows Hydro to extend a 500,000-volt power line from its generating plant at Bruce to Milton.

Halton Hills, Halton and interested Citizens Group (ICG) have opposed the corridor.

The three parties have until Mar. 5 to launch an appeal. Decision to appeal will be based on a meeting scheduled this week between the three organizations and Premier Bill Davis, Natural Resources and Energy Minister Jim Auld and

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed.
ICG vice chairman John Minns said there are four avenues of appeal open: to the cabinet, to the OMB itself and two methods in the courts.

He told this newspaper the OMB ruling of three weeks on the Ontario Hydro corridor was one of the shortest periods an OMB tribunal ever took to announce a decision.

Most times it takes longer, he said.
During regional council debate, Halton's chief executive officer Ernie Reid advised against appealing.

He said the region had already pumped enough time and money into the matter to make an appeal futile.

He said the cabinet has considered the matter eight times.

Mayor Pomeroy told reporters outside council that he disagreed with Mr. Reid, saying the matter had not been be-

fore the cabinet eight times.

"Not all of Mr. Reid's comments are the truth," he said.

Council had gone into closed session to discuss regional solicitor Dennis Perlin's recommendations on launching an appeal.

Prior to the in camera part, council was informed Mr. Perlin was in favor of appealing because there are sufficient grounds.

Mr. Reid's comments were also questioned by Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell in open council.

He said the region had gone too long on the matter to back out.

"It shouldn't back down," he said. "We shouldn't let the people down."

On Mr. Reid's recommendation, council agreed to hear the solicitor's advice behind closed doors.

Mr. Minns said the office of the Ombudsman

is taking an interest in the case.

In a letter dated Feb. 21, Keith Hollett, executive director of the Ombudsman's office, said, "we are investigating a complaint made by the Interested Citizens Group concerning a land development permit issued to Ontario Hydro on or about June 26, 1978, by the Minister of Housing under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act. The permit was to allow development of a hydro corridor through Lots 16 to 26, Concession Five, in the Town of Halton Hills."

"As our investigation concerns the validity of this permit," he said, "we would request that Ontario Hydro not commence any development or cease to continue development until our investigation has been concluded."
"Although we anticipate that it might take us approximately 60 days to complete our investigation, we will take all steps in our power to expedite this investigation as quickly as possible to minimize any inconvenience that may be the Town of Halton caused."

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Rad, grill are stolen

Halton Regional Police have no suspects in the theft of a radiator and a

red grill from a 1971 white truck. The incident occurred at Queen's Tire, on Queen St. A total value of \$2000 has been placed on the stolen items, police report.

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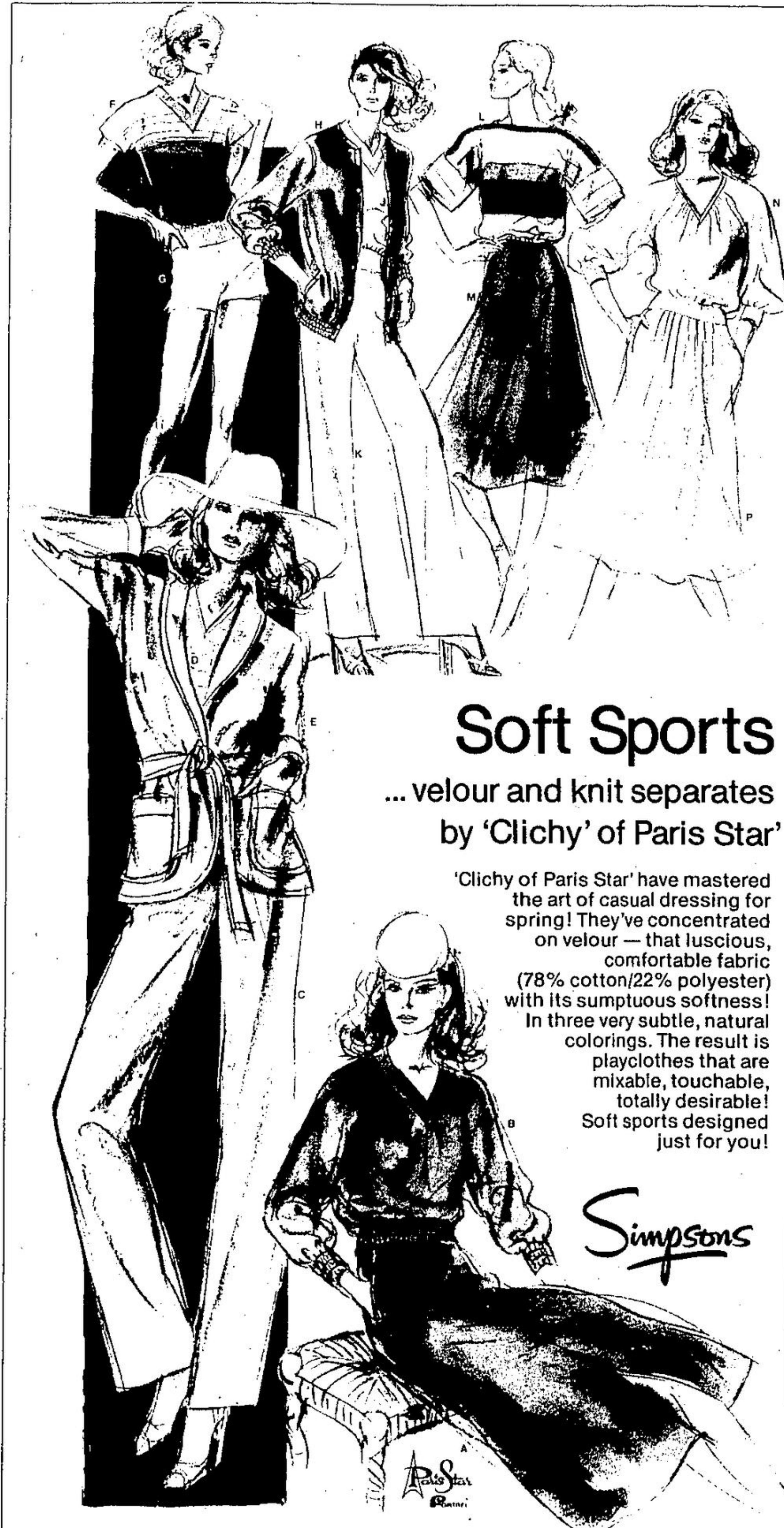
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Soft Sports ... velour and knit separates by 'Clichy' of Paris Star

'Clichy of Paris Star' have mastered the art of casual dressing for spring! They've concentrated on velour — that luscious, comfortable fabric (78% cotton/22% polyester) with its sumptuous softness! In three very subtle, natural colorings. The result is playclothes that are mixable, touchable, totally desirable! Soft sports designed just for you!

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- B. V-neck blouse. Velour. Elasticized waist and cuffs of batwing sleeves. Natural, ginger or moss green. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$36
- C. Fly-front pants. Velour. Elasticized back waist. Natural, ginger or moss green. 8 to 16. Each, \$34
- D. Short sleeve "window pane" check knit blouse with V-neck. 100% cotton. Natural, ginger or moss green. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$20
- E. Shawl-collar jacket with 2 pockets. Velour. Natural, ginger or moss green. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$55
- F. Striped, V-neck short sleeve top. Velour. Knit hem. Natural/ginger/white, ginger/grey/natural or moss green/natural/dusty rose. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$28
- G. Pull-on shorts. Velour. Natural, ginger or moss. 8 to 16. Each, \$20
- H. Snap-front jacket. Velour. 2 front pockets. Elasticized cuffs and waist. Natural, ginger or moss green. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$44
- J. Cap sleeve, V-neck T-shirt with shirring at shoulder. 100% cotton knit. Contrast band at neck and waist. Contrast tab on sleeve. Natural/ginger or moss green/natural. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$20
- K. Pull-on pant. Velour. Natural, ginger or moss green. 8 to 16. Each, \$32
- L. Striped, short sleeve blouse. Velour. Natural/ginger or natural/moss. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$36
- M. Fly-front slit skirt with pleat. Velour. Natural, ginger or moss green. 8 to 16. Each, \$34
- N. 100% cotton knit skirt with soft pleats, elasticized waist. Natural, ginger or moss green. 8 to 16. Each, \$30
- P. V-neck, dolman sleeve top. 100% cotton knit. Gathering all around neck and hem. Natural, ginger or moss green. S(8-10), M(12-14), or L(16). Each, \$22

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