

## Council doesn't support not paying sales tax

Halton Hills councillors don't think citizens should refuse to pay the seven per cent Ontario sales tax.

Monday council simply received and filed a resolution from the Township of St. Vincent calling for all Canadian citizens to refrain from paying sales tax.

In a letter a St. Vincent councillor, Eric Biggins, said "taxation is theft."

He claimed sales tax is the "biggest single contributing factor to inflation" and suggested store merchants can't make customers pay the sales tax.

Biggins noted if the merchant can't collect the tax then the government must go after it and since people aren't required to identify themselves when they buy something then they wouldn't have to pay the tax. He wants all merchants to quit collecting the tax and customers to refrain from paying it. "Our governments, both federal Liberal and provincial Conservative, have proven beyond a doubt that they are totally incapable of wisely spending the revenue pried from the taxpayer in a continually increasing volume."

## Accident leaves stoves covered by chemical

Two men checking fire extinguisher equipment at the Legion Thursday accidentally set off a sprinkler-like system in the ceiling which covered the kitchen stoves with a fire quenching chemical.

President Jim Higgins explained two men arrived at Branch 197 and were allowed in by the cleaning lady. He said the men had no identification and their truck didn't have a name on it, but they said they were from the firm which regularly checks the fire extinguishers.

The cleaning lady became suspicious and called Higgins and he went to the Legion. First he called fire chief Mick Holmes to ask if someone had been sent to the Legion from the fire department and Holmes said no.

Higgins called the Halton Regional Police and they arrived quickly on the scene, but the men had left for a spare part. Police suspected they might be there casing the Legion for a future break-in. Police returned with Holmes later to interview the men after they had returned.

In discussing the matter with treasurer Gord McCutcheon, Higgins said his associate figured they must be the men from the firm which maintains the fire safety equipment.

While the men were checking a large fire extinguisher in the kitchen they accidentally turned it on which activated the sprinkler like-system which sent the chemical showering down on the stoves. It was a real mess, but there was no real damage.

## Science exposition at AHS

A science exposition will be held at Acton High School next Wednesday, January 20, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is welcome.



Paul Schlick gets a helping hand from Devon Yurek as he goes down the slide backward.



Sarah Shaw is not giving everyone a cheeky sign, she's merely having fun.



Following in his daddy's footsteps, Michael Andrews models a policeman's cap, copying his policeman father.

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A day at Honey Pot Nursery School

Photos by Dave Dorken



Melanie Giles is pretty cautious of where she steps on the jungle gym.

## Ice time dispute may cut Catholic pupils' skating

Children attending separate schools in Acton and Georgetown may no longer use the arenas for daytime skating, if a dispute between the Recreation Department and the Halton Separate School Board is not ironed out.

While discussions between the recreation department and Separate School Board have been going on behind the scenes for some time, a letter sent home to parents by Sacre Coeur Principal Michell Serre Monday said skating would be cancelled until further notice.

At Monday night's council meeting, Mayor Pete Pomeroy said there seemed to some misunderstanding and asked Recreation Director Tom Shepard to explain.

Shepard said the Town has a reciprocal agreement with the public school board, which shares costs of playing fields, gyms and custodial staff, arenas and pools. We pay what we use of theirs and they pay what they use of ours," he commented.

He pointed out no such agreement exists with the separate school board.

He said it was brought to his attention the separate schools in Town were using the arena. He said the recreation budget did not cover their use of the facilities. He put the cost of ice time used by the separate schools at \$6,102. He said his budget could not carry the load forever.

He said the children are still using the arena during school hours. Shepard said the letter was not sent out by the Halton Separate School Board, he had been told.

The recreation director said he would try to

work something out with Board. "We have never had the use of the separate schools, and right now we don't need them." He said he had a meeting with Halton Separate School Board lined up.

Irene McCauley, Acton's representative on the Halton Separate School Board told council Catholic schools have always allowed the use of their facilities and the YM-YWCA uses them and pointed out she runs a basketball league which used a Catholic school for the past three years. Our playing fields and baseball diamonds and school yards are available."

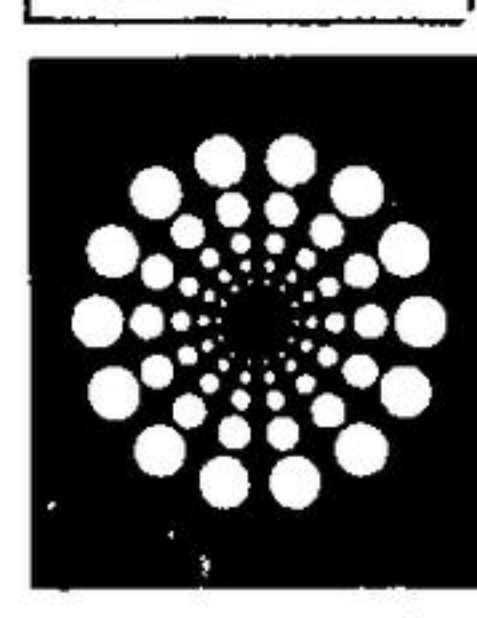
McCauley said there had never been an agreement between the Town and the Halton Separate School Board and the children had always gone skating in the daytime with no admission. She said in Oakville the same practice exists. She said she understood there is an agreement with Burlington.

School Trustee McCauley said in the letter from the recreation director to the Halton Separate School Board, he stated the recreation department has been absorbing the cost of the skating and set a figure of \$6,102 for 1981.

McCauley said the letter also claimed since the recreation department is experiencing restraints and cutbacks, it could not continue to absorb the costs. The letter further pointed out, according to McCauley, that there is no demand at present for the separate school facilities, but if there is in future, an agreement similar to the one with the public school board

would be enacted. "Until then we cannot justify the cost," the letter concluded, said McCauley.

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## Music revue part of series

Sears and Switzer, a satirical music revue on modern life, will be starring in the second concert of the Halton Hills Arts Council's Trilight Series on January 27 at Acton High School.

Theresa Sears and David Switzer perform a splendid music revue. Their neatly trimmed song and dance jibes and jokes are cabaret and they exhibit all elements of charm and wit, intelligence and energy, polish and skill, in their wild two-handed romp.

The comedy team of Sears and Switzer have appeared regularly on such CBC national shows as the Bob McLean Show, Wayne and Schuster, Don Harmon's Morningside, various variety specials, and Arts National. In addition many of their sketches were featured on TV Ontario's Role Calls show on the changing roles of women. Their theatre experiences include representing Canada at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, several long running commercial revue shows and musicals in Toronto including An Evening with Sears and Switzer.

Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens. Show starts at 8 p.m.

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