

Halton Cable offers three Pay TV channels

The new year ushers in a new era of television viewing for Canadians when premium programming is introduced.

This optional service, popularly called Pay TV makes its debut on February 1st, and Halton Cable Systems subscribers will be able to choose up to three additional channels.

Ten years in the making, Pay TV has finally been tailored for Canadians by the CRTC after countless consumer surveys and public hearings, and applications by dozens of hopeful suppliers of programming.

Cable TV was chosen as the logical means to deliver signals to the consumer. Programs will originate in several centres across the country

and will be beamed to our Anik C Satellite which sits in space 35,680 km. from earth. The signals are then returned to receiving antennae on earth, some of which measure four metres across.

Halton Cable Systems will receive programming from Super Channel, First Choice Canadian and C-Channel.

Super Channel is an Ontario based station which will broadcast 24 hours each day with a mix of 70 per cent movies and 30 per cent variety and children's programs.

First Choice and C-Channel are both national in scope, but their formats differ widely.

The former also is a 24 hour broadcast, featuring 75 per cent movies, with the remaining time

devoted to sports, specials and children's shows, while C-Channel will concentrate on 40 per cent lively arts and music, 40 per cent films with 20 per cent reserved for children. C-Channel will be aired 56 hours per week, concentrating on the prime time periods.

Subscribers will need a converter to receive these special channels since they will be found as 22, 24 and 25 or I, K and L on some converters. As well, the cable company will supply a descrambling device to decode the pictures for viewing.

So called cable-ready TV sets are not Pay TV ready since the manufacturers have omitted a major step in the process and retailers will be

obliged to tell purchasers that they still will require a converter.

Although movies and other programs will be seen uncut and without commercials, R-rated films will be featured in the late evening viewing periods. There will otherwise be no censorship involved.

The three channels promise a generous supply of new and current programs, while special features and classic films will also be part of the fare offered, and stereo sound will likely be an option available later in the year.

John Ollivier of Halton Cable System, says rates have been trimmed to give the subscriber

the most economical offering and are in fact much less than the cost of taking the family to the movies a couple of times a month. A discount is available for those who choose two channels or all three.

While Halton Cable Systems has a list of subscribers requiring Pay TV the company expects to have all the early callers connected by the February 1st inaugural date. Officials stress that there will be a service charge plus a refundable security deposit payable at the time of installation. Customers are urged to call for complete information and to ensure early connection.

newsmakers

Georgetown/Acton, Wednesday, December 29, 1982



John van der Hart with the painting which was taken from Region headquarters and later returned to him.

Unidentified

Local businessmen involved in case of missing painting

Two prominent Georgetown businessmen were involved in a prank which led to the disappearance of a \$1,250 painting on display during the regional inaugural on Wednesday, December 8. The two men have not been identified and no charges will be laid, according to a press release by Halton Regional Police.

Police investigation discovered the two men played a "prank" on a Romanian cleaning lady, leading her to believe they had the authority to give her a painting. The Burlington cleaning lady took the painting home, but called Oakville artist John van der Hart when she realized the painting was listed as stolen.

"It was a miserable joke," said van der Hart, who did not know the identity of the men. "They didn't come forward or say anything until the police were right on their doorstep."

The cleaning lady has since quit her job and

moved to Toronto where he husband found a job, according to van der Hart.

"I'm glad it's all over," he said, opting not to press any charges because he did not "want to ruin anyone's reputation."

The artist later invited the woman over to his gallery to choose a painting as a reward for telling him about the painting, but he said she refused.

"The woman can't speak English and was scared to death about the whole thing," van der Hart explained. "She wants nothing more to do with it."

After the theft was discovered, van der Hart said he would press charges if it was found that employees at the region were the people who told the woman to take the painting.

"She told the police at the time that the man who said she could have the painting told her he

was "the big boss", said van der Hart.

"Prominent businessmen may play a joke no one else may find funny, but it's not like they are employed by the region—to me there is quite a difference," he said.

In the press release, police say the case will be reviewed by the Crown Attorney.

The issue of the theft has aroused speculation as to when the inaugural wine and cheese reception ended and how much it cost, but the region has not exact figures on either.

But in a report to administration and finance committee last week concerning the theft of the painting, Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin mentioned the wine and cheese reception went on "quite late."

"...With the inaugural meeting going on as late as it did... and a number of people did stay quite late," he said.

Reed scoffs at job creation plan

A program touted as "paving the way for economic recovery" by the federal and provincial governments is only a pittance compared to what could be done if priorities were straight, according to Julian Reed.

The Liberal MPP for Halton-Burlington says the money the two governments recently announced for a job creation program will accomplish very little in the hands of the Bill Davis Tories.

"It remains to be seen how the government will apportion the money," Mr. Reed said in a telephone interview.

"My fear is that they'll use it to substitute one job for another within the Ministries."

According to Reed, the Ontario government could spend as much as \$1 billion on job creation, "but they would have to sell their interest in Sunco and divest themselves of the land banks," he said.

"Our research shows that money is available, but getting them to spend it in that way has been a continuing mission on our part," he added.

The most recent federal-provincial agreement has the two governments contributing equally to a \$200 million fund, 25 per cent of which will go to municipalities for make-work projects.

Priority for employment under the new scheme will be given to "exhaustees", people whose unemployment insurance benefits have run out and who are facing the prospect of having to apply for welfare.

Ontario treasurer, Frank Miller, has expressed concern about that, saying the program should have more flexibility.

Projects approved under the scheme must employ a minimum of three people and according to government press releases "contribute to the social and economic betterment of the province and must involve the creation of new jobs."

Reed criticized the government for concentrating on make work projects such as these, rather than exploiting the opportunities that exist to create permanent employment in areas such as alternate energy.

"In many cases this program will only create temporary jobs and our problems certainly won't be solved by that," he said.

"If the government was serious about job creation we have the capital to do something really significant."

He noted, as an example, that Ontario currently pays out \$11.5 billion a year for imported energy and that roughly half of that amount could be produced here.

Health Dept. hires staff

Calling the Halton Regional Health Department "under-nourished" because it is listed as the eighth lowest in Ontario for staff, Dr. Peter Cole obtained three new staff members for the health department.

The request for new supervisor of dental health educators, a community health nurse and a part-time health inspector was approved at a special council meeting Wednesday afternoon, despite some councillors' objections that it

was late in the year to ask for additional staff.

"I'm upset and strongly against this because it shows a blatant disregard for council direction," Burlington councillor Joan Little stated. She explained that council had already rejected the three new staff requests but Dr. Cole appeared to ignore council and get funds from the Ministry of Health.

As the Ministry of Health will subsidize up to 75 per cent of the salaries, the region's contribution is \$14,050, with the remainder paid by the province.

"If the Ministry of Health does one thing right it is this," said Dr. Cole to council. "They have never, that I know, reneged on a financial agreement, unlike other Ministries."

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkevic supported the request, as the region's portion comes out of an 1982 contingency fund "that was clearly put aside for staff." But Little

Industrial Arts could be cut from board's budget

By STEVE ARNOLD

Industrial arts and family studies programs in Halton elementary schools could be at least part of the "fat" that is trimmed to keep the board of education's budget to an eight per cent increase in 1983.

Trustees recently gave their approval to a motion calling for a complete study of the costs of the programs that are currently offered.

Trustee Cam Jackson (Burlington) sponsored that motion, warning that if programs are to be increased in other areas, some courses may have to be cut.

Later in the same meeting however, trustees were told they will be asked in January to approve a motion integrating all such programs, making them equally available to all students.

Mr. Jackson warned about having the finance committee make what amounted to educational judgements on programs.

"The finance committee shouldn't be taking a position on the educational value of a program we have been offering for many years," commented Trustee Elaine Riehm (Burlington).

The recommendation calling for the integration of the programs came from a special committee which has been studying the subject for several months.

Teacher Barbara Rennie, a member of the committee, argued all students should have a chance to take such courses.

"Changing lifestyles demand that we offer all students a chance to

take those courses that deal with survival," she said.

"Who can survive today without a basic knowledge of how things work," she asked, adding that the courses should be taught jointly and should be offered from grades six on.

Dr. Bob Dixon, superintendent of curriculum services, said if some of the material currently being taught in grades seven and eight could be moved to grade six, it would allow for more remedial time in other subjects.

He added that provincial guidelines on the teaching of industrial arts and family studies are "hopelessly out of date" and new ones are expected "almost momentarily."

Orien Calver, another member of the committee, noted budget allotments for industrial arts and family studies programs have always been different, with the larger share going to the "boys' course."

That situation, hopefully, will be changed in Halton's 1983 budget when a recommendation will be made to set aside the same per student amount for each type of course, he said.

Region

Key word - defer

The word "defer" appeared to be the key word at last week's administration and finance committee meeting, as four separate issues were put off until the new year.

Both St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses Association and PARA-MED Health Services were unable to get an agreement from region to service patients in Halton. Currently, the Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch visits people in their homes and told committee, they "did not feel there should be an infringement."

St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses operates from Hamilton, while Para-Med, a division of Extensicare, has an office in Burlington. Administration and finance committee agreed they should receive more information before making a decision, and deferred the issue for six months.

Leferink agreement

Despite some grumblings from regional councillors, administration and committee opted to extend the operation agreement for 1983 with Leferink Disposals Limited for the temporary container transfer facility on Armstrong Avenue.

"The rent is a substantial increase," objected councillor Keith Bird, commenting on the hike in rent to \$450 from \$200 that the region pays to Standard Industries. But Vince Gerrull, the region's real estate manager, maintained that the increase represents "a number of years of very low rent."

Both Burlington councillors Walter Mulkevic and Joan Little also objected to the increased rent and added a recommendation that a status report be given to committee.

Halton woman first female hockey trainer

When former Halton resident Cathy Heggedal followed her career westward last fall, becoming a celebrity was not an anticipated part of her job description.

Heggedal, 28, a graduate of Sheridan College's Athletic Training and Management program, has received national publicity this season following her acceptance on a position as trainer for the Nanaimo Islanders, a major junior hockey league team in British Columbia.

Heggedal believes she is the first female trainer in major league hockey in Canada and is setting her future sights on a position with the National Hockey League, says Barry Bartlett, co-ordinator of the Athletic Training and Management program, who keeps in regular contact with her.

Heggedal is responsible for physiotherapy, nutritional counseling, conditioning, first aid to injuries

on the ice and rehabilitation of injured players. She is also responsible for ordering, repairing and storing team equipment, sharpening skates and laundering uniforms.

"Cathy's position is unique in hockey," says Bartlett, "and she went all out to get accepted. She attended the NHL meeting in Montreal last June, took her resume and spoke to everyone there. It was a long two days."

She was hired on a one month probationary period before being signed to a two-year contract, says Bartlett.

"Cathy was under high pressure for that month while reaction from the local community, the players and their family and friends was observed."

Heggedal graduated from the two-year Sheridan College diploma program last May. The sport therapy program teaches the prevention, care and rehabilitation of injuries associated with physical activities.

Bartlett says it is the first time the program has received such national exposure.

"In the past, the publicity we have had has been as a result of an isolated life-saving incident in which one of our students was involved. This is the first time there has been such exposure about a graduate of our program and what she is doing."

Meanderings

by Mabel Barkman

If you stare at some pork chops for supper and wonder what to do with them, try this for a change.

Slice the chops into thin strips discarding the bones. This is best done when partially frozen. Make at least a half pound or a little more. Mix together two tablespoons of soya sauce and a teaspoon of corn starch. Soak the meat for an hour.

Now, just before dinner, heat some oil in a frying pan and fry the pork with a few green onions until the pork changes color. Then add half a pound of well-rinsed bean sprouts, a teaspoon of sugar and two more tablespoons of soya sauce.

Stir fry for about 10 minutes more so that the bean sprouts will remain crisp. Serve over hot steamed rice.

It's a nice change from fried pork chops and mashed potatoes.

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