

**Minor hockey fund raiser**

**Plan music festival at Prospect August 4**

Acton Minor Hockey Association plans to hold a one day 50s music festival August 4 at Prospect Park to raise funds for two hockey teams going to Europe next fall.

Monday night Halton Hills general committee approved the park being closed to the public that day as well as the AMHA charging admission. Also the Town won't object to a liquor permit application for a beer garden. There will also be a beer garden in the arena that day, but no special provisions are needed for the rink for liquor to be served.

Carol Robinson of the AMHA introduced two young hockey players, Ron Robinson and Peter Cargill, as just a pair of the over 40 ambassadors going to Europe for the exhibition games. She noted this trip is the

AMHA's Bicentennial project. The outdoor music festival will feature 50s music, not rock, so they can attract a crowd of up to 5,000 people, mostly in their 30s and 40s.

Mrs. Robinson observed many details are still being worked out, but the event will begin about noon and run to 11 p.m. They hope to raise \$50,000 to \$60,000 with this event.

Recreation director Tom Shepard said several meetings have been held between staff and AMHA officials. Town concerns have either been solved already or will be. He figured there are more people at the park for fair weekend then there will be for the festival.

Approval of the festival still needs final council approval next week.



Angela Johnstone makes sure principal Carl Hymers is getting wet even when the sponge misses his face at the McKenzie-Smith fun fair Saturday. In the photo at right, Carrie Fritzell paints a clown face on



Chris Howard while Colleen Nowlan looks on. The fair was a big success.

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**Council's goal: Build a municipal complex at a reasonable cost without borrowing — Knechtel**



Little Tiffany Meinen, shown here with her parents Jack and Anita, has Cystic Fibrosis and so must take all that medication you see in the forefront of this photo.

**Cystic Fibrosis campaign offers hope for wee Tiffany**

Jack and Anita Meinen were just like any other excited, expectant parents. They wanted the best for their unborn child, and as with everyone, had no reason to believe their baby would be anything but perfect. However, their idyllic world soon crashed around them when, at four-months-old, their beloved Tiffany was diagnosed as having Cystic Fibrosis, a disease which affects the body's glands dealing with tears, sweat, saliva and mucus. It is a killer disease with no cure.

But thanks to the hard work of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the life expectancy of a CF child has risen dramatically in the past 10 years, and now victims are reaching adulthood.

Mrs. Meinen, of Duby Rd. recalls how Tiffany got diarrhea when only four days old. Because she was breastfeeding the nurses asked what she, as the mother, had been eating to disturb her daughter so.

The diarrhea continued after she returned home, and Mrs. Meinen tried everything to figure out what was causing the problem. The baby, small to begin with, was losing weight. On the doctor's advice, Tiffany was put on formula, which seemed to help a little, but was not the answer. A trip to the paediatrician in Guelph, but still there were no answers. Tiffany had a tremendous appetite and eating as much as a child much older than herself, but the weight just kept falling off her.

A battery of tests was conducted on the baby, including those for urinary infection

and a heart murmur. Mrs. Meinen read everything she could, and after reading Dr. Benjamin Spock's book on child care, wondered if CF, or celiac disease could be possible. However, there was no record of CF on either her or her husband's side of the family and because it is hereditary, the thought was dismissed.

Tiffany was admitted to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, where she was tested for gastro and gland problems. The day before she was to come home, doctors said the tests showed she had CF and they wanted to do further tests on her. Physicians were completely surprised when their suspicions were confirmed. Tiffany had no problem with her lungs, as is common with the disease, she just had pancreatic function problems.

Mrs. Meinen explains what was happening was that Tiffany's ducts from the pancreas were clogged, not allowing the enzymes which break up food to get into her system. The food and its nutrients was going right through Tiffany, and as much as she would eat, she would be constantly hungry.

In many cases, she points out the lungs become clogged with mucus, and the body fights to combat the infection in the lungs. Eventually it gets to be too much for the heart.

In Tiffany's case however, the only concern was the breaking down of food. She must take pills with every meal, which must be mixed with applesauce, which is given continuously throughout the meal.

At first, Tiffany's body reacted badly to the medication, but after a few days, her system was toughened up and she began to gain weight. Now, at two-years-old, she is up to 24 pounds.

Every 12 weeks, Tiffany and her mother go to a Cystic Fibrosis Clinic where a tube is put down the youngster's nose into the lungs and fluid is siphoned off to make sure there is no infection. Her rate of growth is also measured and she is x-rayed. Tiffany must also see an array of people including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, nutritionists, etc.

Tiffany's parents make sure her life is as allergy free as possible also. Her room has an air purifier in it, and she has no powders or perfumed lotions, flannel sheets or anything else which may create allergic symptoms which could confuse the CF symptoms.

After Tiffany was diagnosed, the question was, how did she get the disease? Testing of her parents revealed each had one CF gene. This means the couple had a one in four chance of having a child with CF. The odds are the same they would have a child who does not have the disease, and is not a carrier, but there's a 50 per cent chance of having a child who does not have CF but who is a carrier. With those odds, the big question in the Meinen's lives is whether to have more children. Tiffany's disease has not adversely affected their lives. They have brought in a full-time nanny, and Mrs.

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Council's goal in pursuing a municipal complex is to construct an efficiently designed building, at a reasonable cost without borrowing money, according to councillor Ross Knechtel.

**Response to Elliott**  
Knechtel released a prepared statement to this newspaper Monday night responding to published observations made by Norm Elliott, chairman of a group of Halton Hills citizens watchdogging this issue. Elliott was commenting about the future course of action set out by council's new building and property committee.

**Armstrong comments too**  
Also Monday night, Councillor Mike Armstrong asked Mayor Russ Miller to write Elliott about his concerns and invite him to come to council.

Knechtel says: "As a member of council who has not been a member of the committees involved with the proposed municipal complex, I'd like to make some relevant comments regarding the article in last week's paper."

**Principle not articulated well**  
"Ever since council has been considering a new municipal building—some years now—there has always been an important principle in the background. It's true that this principle has not been well articulated, but it has been an important guideline in our considerations. This principle might be stated in these terms: "Let's try and build a building of efficient design, with reasonable cost and let's try to avoid borrowing money to pay for it."

**Building inadequacies**  
"We now have the Robbie report which documents the inadequacies and the unsatisfactory state of the existing premises. It also found the present Trafalgar Rd. site is unsatisfactory as a building site. The next step was to secure an alternative site."

**Likely no cost to Town**  
"We now have this, the Stevens' estate. The purchase of this property does offer a reasonable opportunity to use an excellent

location, very probably at no cost to the Town for the site itself.

**Some time until building**  
"The next step of designing and building is not likely to be done for some time. This is part of our plan to minimize or indeed avoid borrowing any money."

**Temporary re-arrangements**  
"Because of this delay we probably will have to make temporary re-arrangements and some alterations in our existing office locations. I see nothing wrong or unreasonable with this situation."

**Comical councillors?**  
"To my friend Norm Elliott this procedure is "comical." Perhaps it may appear so. However our basic concern is to provide a very much needed building at a minimum of cost to the taxpayer. If that makes me a "comical councillor", then I'm happy to be so designated."

**Armstrong distraught**  
Armstrong wondered if Elliott's comments had been taken out of context and said he was "distraught" to read them.

He said he took exception to Elliott coming to council for the Library Board for money, but in this case he didn't come to council.

He concluded if Elliott had concerns, Councillor Finn Poustrup and his committee members would be happy to answer them.

**No decision on council's 1984 wages**

Will Halton Hills councillors give themselves a raise this year? There was no indication one way or another when the issue came up briefly at Monday's Halton Hills general committee meeting.

Staff submitted an annual report dealing with increases in some economic and wage indices which are used to calculate the percentage increase in pay available to councillors. Council established this formula a few years back to help solve their raise question. However, it hasn't been used much as council has followed wage guidelines or taken no increase at all in recent years.

The report showed that under the criteria councillors were entitled to a five per cent raise, which is also the ceiling under provincial wage restraints.

However, except for Councillor Dave Whiting suggesting the report be simply received, there was no comment on the subject of councillors' raises.

**Inside**

Does this dapper young businessman look like a speed boat driver to you? Well, he is just that. See story on Derek Hodgson on page 12.

Acton Trustee Arlene Bruce sings the praises of teacher professional development. Details on page B3.

Taxes for separate school supporters are going up about \$28. Details on page 3.

Acton again faces water use restrictions if it's a hot, dry summer. More on page 3.

May is Red Shield Appeal month in Halton Hills. Turn to page 2.

Rev. Cliff Hodgson says goodbye to Acton, story on page 9.

**Consolidate staff**

Starting with the next issue of The Free Press, the editorial and office staff will be consolidated with that of its sister paper, The Independent Georgetown. Both staffs will work out of offices at 30 Main St. South in Georgetown.

The Acton office, on Willow St., will remain open as a drop-off point for news and paying bills, publisher Ken Bellamy emphasized this week.

The combination of the two editorial staffs working from one news office will make us better equipped to handle the

complexities of the news gathering operation in a Town as large as Halton Hills, Mr. Bellamy said. It will also allow us to operate more economically in a business which continually requires greater resources and permit both newspapers to increase news coverage, Mr. Bellamy added.

Mr. Bellamy quashed rumors that The Free Press was being merged with The Independent. The Acton paper will retain the news page it has now and share a common advertising and Newsmakers section with The Independent.