



### TOT LOT MEETS HAT CAT

Exploring a nature week theme, the Town recreation department's Tot Lot gathered in the Knox Presbyterian Church last week for games, stories and nature studies. Parents can register their children on a weekly basis for a range of half-day activities. Tot Lot leader Andrea Arbic had the youngsters spellbound with her stories. Listening intently were Marie Ivory, Kelly Holmes, Jessie Brown, Wilfred McEachern and Tara Holmes.

## Halton police eye video confessions

by Gord Koile

Proposed legislation recommending the video taping of confessions is being met with cautious optimism by Halton Regional Police and they have set up a task force to study the matter.

The video taping issue was the subject of an April paper by the Law Reform Commission of Canada addressed to the provincial and federal legislatures.

The LRCC asked for improved police techniques to provide more reliable court room evidence and championed the use of video tapes, as the result of a study done on American police who use video tapes.

Currently, there are two Canadian police forces experimenting with video taped confession rooms; Ottawa and Montreal. "From our standpoint, the proposal is a positive move but we have to proceed cautiously," said Halton Regional Deputy Police Chief Robert Middaugh. "We have to make sure there is considerable training undertaken to ensure police officers, crown attorneys and lawyers are proficient in setting up and using such a system."

To that end, the Halton force has commissioned Middaugh to activate a study group to liaison with the homicide squad of the

Buffalo, New York police department.

The Buffalo force is the closest American organization using video tapes in suspects' confessions. New York City Police have been using the device for five years.

The Halton force has the complete backing of the Board of Commissioners of Police who are in favor of video taped confessions.

"The record of convictions through the use of tapes is too good to ignore," said Commissioner James Grievie. "All we're worried about is the legality of setting the system up. There will be room in the budget to cover the costs of the system."

The police study will be completed next year and results handed over to the Board.

The LRCC paper pointed out advantages to using video tapes in confessions, including shorter trials, protection of police and suspects against allegations of brutality and coercion and providing judges and jurors with a better platform in which to evaluate evidence.

Halton police are already familiar with the use of video tapes in some duties, including the monitoring of prisoners' cells at the Oakville and Burlington headquarters and video tape monitors in Oakville shopping malls.

But there are problems with the advantages, among them, the ease in which a picture can be misinterpreted, according to Middaugh.

"For example, if an officer raised his hand to scratch his head while interviewing the subject, a defence lawyer could suggest this was a threatening gesture towards his client," said Middaugh. "We (the police) have to be careful in establishing the procedure."

Another problem is the fact that most police interrogations take place outside the station house, usually at the scene of the crime or in a police car.

"Video tapes are not the answer to all of the problems," said Halton's Crown Attorney James Trelevan.

But he added the use of video tapes would make a prosecutor's job a lot easier.

"The length of trials would be cut down," he said. "Especially in *voire dire* (where the accused's confession has to be reconstructed in the courtroom using witnesses). It is also harder to fake video tapes, as opposed to written or audio-monitored evidence. That makes the evidence that much more valuable."

The use of video tapes in Canadian Courts should be commonplace within 10 years, according to Justice Allen Linden, President of the LRCC.

### Queen's Park report

## School system failing us

by Julian Reed,  
M.P.P. Halton-Burlington

In a recent "Provincial Affairs" program, Liberal Leader David Peterson spoke about Ontario's unemployed young people. Following are some excerpts from that program.

"I think all of us would agree that Ontario is a province of great opportunity and it is also a land of much wasted potential."

At the current time fully 184,000 young people are listed on the unemployment rolls in Ontario. Thousands more are without jobs and have given up the search.

It is a tragedy of immense proportions. It is a tragedy whose roots can be traced to the current educational system which was put in place in the 1960's and 1970's."

"Let's look at the facts."

Of 100 students entering grade nine, 36 will quit secondary school before graduation and of those who graduate, 27 will not seek higher level of educational training.

Roughly only 11 or 12 of the grade nine class will enter and complete university, another seven or eight will go through community colleges and a scant two or three will complete apprenticeship programs, achieving skills in demand in today's world.

In a world of vast technological change—with all of its accompanying opportunities for a full working life—thousands of our young people are not achieving, either because the opportunity is not clear to them or is being withheld from them."

"The National Research Council's "Outlook for Science and Technology" published in 1982... runs to almost 800 pages and deals with subjects which long ago eclipsed the curricula being taught to our children in the schools in Ontario.

Such topics as the demographic state of the world, synthesis, nutritional research, fuel sciences, macro-molecular studies, radioactive waste management, artificial intelligence... many of these topics are being succeeded by others as we rush toward a true space age.

Not only are these opportunities being missed, our methods of assisting our children is seizing the opportunities which do exist is halfhearted. Some would say appalling.

A 1983 study by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation revealed that students outnumber guidance counsellors in secondary schools by 355 to one.

It is also the case that counsellors now on the job have no single reliable source of information to guide young people into jobs which do exist.

"We are in desperate need of educational reform in this province... One such reform would be the expansion of co-operative educational opportunities for students in Ontario Secondary Schools. The best way to learn about work is by working; yet, in today's Ontario roughly only 15,000 students are given the opportunity of co-operative education courses combining in-school instruction and on-site real work experience."

"Only about \$2 million is being spent on co-op education. Increasing spending to \$17 million would enable every grade 12 student in Ontario to seize the co-op opportunity."

"The success of the program is unchal-

### Pub Reunion

The Brass Taps, alias Keg Lounge, and Peter Clark Hall at the University Centre, University of Guelph are inviting all ex-employees and regular customers to the tenth anniversary party and reunion, August 24 to August 26. Call Joe Barth, 519-824-4120, ext. 3902 or write the Brass Taps for more information.

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### REWARD EFFORTS

Grand River Conservation Authority vice-chairman Archie MacRobbie shows off the 1984 Lee Symmes Award presented to the Authority and the Waterloo County Separate and Public School Boards for collaborating on a network of new nature centres offering outdoor education programs. The centres are in Guelph, Waterloo, Paris and Cayuga.

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS RECREATION REPORT**

**LAST CALL!**  
Any community group wishing to advertise in our upcoming Fall and Winter Brochure, please call your Recreation Department as soon as possible to reserve some space. We are also updating our Community Contact Directory should you wish to be listed. For more information, call 877-5185, ext. 262.

**HOCKEY COACHES CLINIC**  
The schedule has been set for Level I and Level II Technical Hockey Coaches Clinics for this Fall.

**LEVEL I**—Monday, October 1, 1984, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Georgetown District High School, then Georgetown Memorial Arena—\$14.00 including manual.

**LEVEL II**—Wednesday, October 3, 1984, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Thursday, October 4, 1984, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Georgetown District High School, then Georgetown Memorial Arena—\$24.00 including manual.

Please register early as clinics are subject to cancellation if insufficient interest is shown. Call 877-5185, ext. 219 or 260.

**NEW JUNIOR SUMMER TENNIS CAMP**  
The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department with the assistance of the Ontario Tennis Association, will be offering a NEW Summer Tennis Program for youth ages 8-16 years. Activities are planned for two Georgetown Locations, on Tuesdays at Emerson, Thursdays at Joseph Gibbons Tennis Courts. Instructors will provide one-half hour of instruction followed by one hour of play. Tennis camp starting date is tentatively set for the week of July 30. Call 877-5185, ext. 260 for registration information.

**SYNCHRO NOVICE NOTIONS CLINIC**  
Synchro Ontario is offering the residents of Halton Hills the opportunity to become involved in Synchronized Swimming this summer.

A mobile clinic will be visiting the Acton and Georgetown Swimming Pools for a special 2 1/2 hour clinic. This clinic includes a slide show, video presentation, water practice and a demonstration by Jan Adamson who swam nationally for 7 years and Karen Zeigler who swam provincially for 8 years. This is an excellent introduction to Canada's newest Olympic sport, and will be available on one day only—Tuesday, July 31.

Register now at the Acton Swimming Pool or the Georgetown Pool. For more information please call 853-3140 or 877-7721.

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**Daily Tickets**  
Daily tickets are on sale at the gate or at all Toronto-area Ticketnet Tel. (416) 598-2855 and BASS outlets Tel. (416) 698-2277.

If you can't be there, watch it live on CTV. Check your local listings for times.  
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**How to get there**  
St. George's Golf and Country Club is located at 1868 Islington Avenue. By public transit, travel to Islington subway station, then take the No. 37 or No. 37A Islington North bus from Platform 1 at the subway station. Exit at the Princess Margaret stop.

For those driving along Queen Elizabeth Way, take Islington Avenue North to the corner of Islington and Eglinton Avenues, where limited free parking will be available. On Highway 401 from the west, exit at Eglinton Avenue and proceed east to Islington Avenue. If travelling from the east along Highway 401, exit at Islington Avenue South.

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