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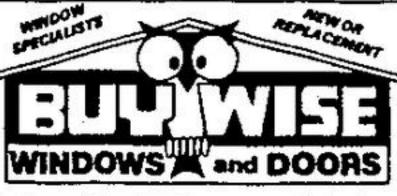
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Canada by the same company that handles all other Acton Rock Fest performers, was not expected to play other area venues, but in fact played in tandem with the Paul James Band at several Toronto gigs and did a major showcase at Lulu's in Kitchener.

As well, organizers learned Saturday that some residents didn't want to attend because they'd heard a rumor about a motorcycle gang planning on being there. In fact there was none.

"We were a little bit surprised," Robinson

said of the outcome. "We never ever thought we would lose money on it. But we talked about it later and everyone said they would gladly do it again.".

Two ticket draws took place onstage during Saturday's proceedings. Miss Acton Fall Fair, Laura Jensen, drew ticket number 1581 to win \$1,000 for Pat and Dobble Frizzell of Acton. They bought their ticket from Cam Fraser. The winners of a trip arranged through Tyler Travel have yet to claim their prize: they hold ticket number 2445.

Green Party candidate

Continued from page At nothing or else get out to do something." He

signed on as a Green Party candidate. "Our idea of democracy is a lot different from what we're doing in this country right now," he said. "The Greens have no leader. We have a founder and a rotating leadership. If I were elected in Halton, I would be representing every Halton citizen, not just

The arms race, the potential for environmental disaster and economic politics are foremost among the Greens' concerns.

those who voted for me."

Kowalchuk said.

"If you love this planet, vote for it," he said, listing some of the party's slogans. "Act locally and think globally. Absolute freedom with absolute responsibility."

Kowalchuk said the Greens are in effect more liberal than the Liberals, more conservative than the Progressive Conservatives and more democratic than the New Democrats.

"We want Canada to remain in NATO," he said. "The NDP wants us out. That in itself makes us more conservative than them."

Door-knocking Jelinek approach

Halton Progressive-Conservative MP Otto Jelinek's, "people-oriented" campaign is progressing well, said the incumbent who has spent most of his time knocking on doors and meeting with people face to face.

"I've been to every area and region of the constituescy," said Jelinek.

He hasn't met with everyone yet, but plans to continue door-knocking and attending various receptions to give everyone an opportunity to exchange views or ask him

questions. Jelinek spends one day a week in other constituencies helping other candidates. He spends two days a week in Acton knocking

on doors and attending coffee parties. He is looking forward to the all-candidates meeting for this riding, he said. The date is

still to be announced. NDP candidate Kevin Flynn could not be

reached for comments on the progress of his

Foster parent plan 'Halton kids in Halton'

By GORD KOLLE

In an effort to bring Halton children living in group homes outside the Region back into the fold, the Halton Children's Aid Society (HCAS) has developed a foster parent program and is looking for volunteers.

Called Special Services Foster Care, the pilot project's goal is to place eight children

in Halton foster homes by December. So far, the HCAS has accepted four foster families and needs an additional four, says the program's developer, CAS manager

Margaret Morrison. "The idea is to keep Halton children in Halton," she says. "I'm confident we'll be able to choose another four families for this

year's quota." Currently, there are 68 Halton children living in Outside Placement Institutions (OPI's) in an area stretching from Kingston to London at a cost to the region of up to \$104

per child per day. The tremendous cost of outside placements has been an HCAS problem for years,

according to HCAS Director Ron Coupland. "It's the environment in Halton," he says. "People don't want to live next door to group homes and no matter what we've done,

we've met with tremendous opposition." In late 1983, the Ministry of Community

and Social Services gave the HCAS funds to establish the program as a 'stop gap'

The plan has one year to prove itself and if successful, may lead to the creation of similar programs within the province.

Morrison says the group home environment is necessary for some children, who are past the point of living with a single family in a foster home.

"But placing them outside the region causes a disruption in their family life," she says. "As they move out it makes it more difficult for them to re-unite with their families."

The community is responsible for its own children, says Morrison, regardless of individual opinion.

"This program offers the chance to grasp that responsibility in a positive, proud manner and communities should be proud of programs like this that allow the best possible environments for children from their region," she says.

Halton's population of foster children 'floats' at about 60 annually.

If you are interested in providing a foster family setting for a child, please call Margaret Morrison or Gail Vandermeulen

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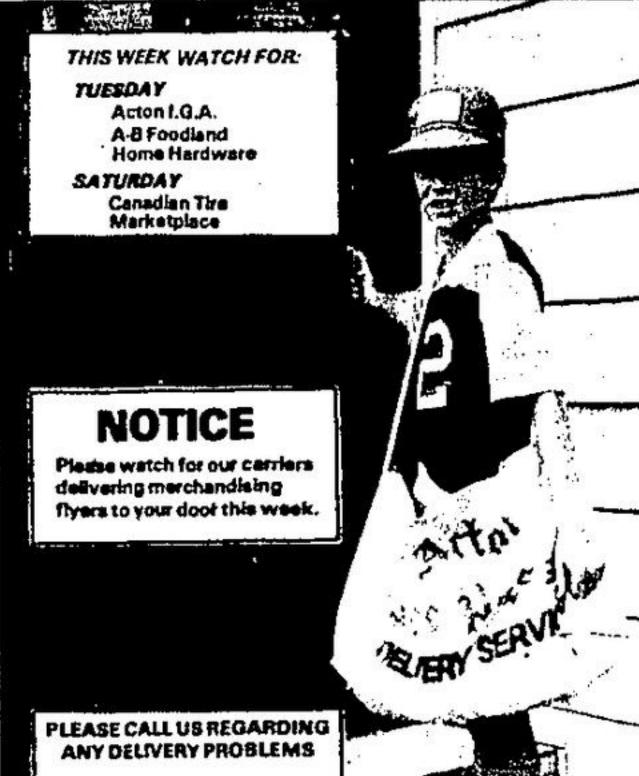
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