

Halton boards want parents' opinion

The public will get a chance to see the preventative sexual abuse play, Journey from AMU, next week, and give their opinions about it.

The Halton Board of Education and the Halton Separate School Board are cosponsoring three performances of the play for parents who want to preview it and decide whether they want their children to see it.

Journey from AMU is performed by a professional troupe who by using magic, music, color and humor explain to children the range of touch from pleasant and friendly to confusing and exploitive, according to a Halton Board of Education release.

It is part of a proposed preventative education program for Grades 3 and 4 which starts off with the play and follows through

with a teachers' resource kit to talk about the play with children.

When the proposed program was first presented to the Halton Board of Education in July, the play was called Mission from YDOB. But over the summer, copyright problems arose, said Jack Richardson, coordinator of physical education, health and family studies. The play was rewritten and called Mission from AMU, AMU standing for All Mixed Up.

It was also reported earlier that the play would be performed in Georgetown but the Halton Separate School Board who are in charge of the north Halton performance decided to change the location to St. Peter's Separate School in Milton on Nov. 27 at 8 p.m.

The play will also be performed at Nelson High School, Burlington on Nov. 28 at 1.30

p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The boards are sharing the costs of \$700 required for each presentation.

After the play the audience will be asked to fill in evaluation forms and if the feedback is positive Richardson said, a written report recommending the implementation of the program into the school system will be made to the Halton Board of Education next January.

A presentation already made last year to 200 parents and educators at Oakville's Falgarwood Public School received a good response.

The Halton Board of Education proposed preventative education program was adopted from a pilot project in Toronto schools, commissioned last year by former Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey's Committee on Child Abuse.



The Easter Seal flag was raised in Acton and Georgetown Friday officially kicking off its annual Christmas campaign. Present at the flag raising were (left to right) Bert Hinton, past president; Cec McFadden, Christmas Seal Campaign chairman; Mayor Russ Miller; and Margaret Youmans, Halton Lung Association program co-ordinator.

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Crimestoppers offer cash for anonymous tips



Parents and youngsters lined up, at some points for two hours, to have their children registered in the Town Two Civitan Club of Oakville's Child Identification program at Gordon Alcott Arena on Saturday. Over 400 Halton Hills youths took part in the program which included finger-

printing and photographing all the youngsters and recording information on a special card. The program took off with such success in Halton Hills that the Civitans are planning another visit early in the new year.



When fingerprints couldn't be taken footprints could. Mrs. Ellen Bastedo took the opportunity to have granddaughter Ashley Nicholl photographed and footprinted for Child Identification purposes. Wilma Blokhuis of Town Two Civitan Club of Oakville cleans wee Ashley up.



Hey, that's me! Nine year old Jennifer Young of Acton was one of over 400 Halton Hills children that were photographed and fingerprinted for the Child Identification program at the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown on Saturday.

400 children fingerprinted

The response to the CHILD fingerprinting program held Saturday was so overwhelming that some people had to be turned away.

"I feel really badly because the people had waited so long," said Brenda Appleby, chairperson of the Oakville Town Two Civitan Club's CHILD Identification program. "We would have stayed if we could but the hall had been rented out to another group that evening."

Over 400 children were fingerprinted in the upstairs hall of the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown. Long line-ups could be seen all day in front of the arena and even as

early as an hour before the 10 a.m. opening. Many parents waited in line with their children for over two hours.

"Even when the Santa Claus parade was on, they (the parents) still stood in line. They, obviously, believed they needed to have this," Appleby said.

"The patience of the parents and the positive support and encouragement that came from them was very much appreciated by us all," she added.

McDonald's Restaurant supplied drinks and coupons as well as the lunch for the volunteer team while H and H Video loaned

a television and video machine to show streetproofing tapes to waiting parents.

Doug Magwood, principal for Joseph Gibbons and Limehouse public schools, worked all day photographing the children.

The Civitan group is now making arrangements to return to Georgetown in January or February or possibly as early as December. Appleby said this time it will be done in a school gym so they can be there as long as there are children who want to be fingerprinted.

Region councillors query ethics of the program

Regional councillors like the intent of the police Crimestoppers program spreading across the continent, but the costs involved could provide a major obstacle at budget time next spring.

Except for a glaring ethical question that bothered at least two members, the administration and finance committee last week endorsed Crimestoppers for Halton, tying its implementation to next year's consideration of the Regional police budget.

In an oral and audio-visual presentation to the committee, Sgt. Dan Okuloski said the \$38,000 cost of the program between April and December, 1985, will rise to almost \$100,000 a year thereafter.

That figure covers salary for two officers and telephone and administrative costs, Okuloski said, but news media whose involvement in the program is essential are expected to provide air time, newspaper space and possibly even production equipment free of charge as a voluntary public relations contribution.

In return, Okuloski said, the public sees more serious criminals apprehended, substantial amounts of stolen goods recovered and relations between police and public improved.

Lending their support in principle to the program are Halton's five chambers of commerce. Representatives from each, including Georgetown's Walter Biehn and Acton's Greg Smith, attended the meeting.

Crimestoppers begins with the re-enactment of an unsolved crime—usually rape, murder, assault or burglary—but any felony in the news media, with full descriptions and pertinent date and an appeal for anyone with information to call a special number.

Callers are given a code number to use instead of their name. To overcome their fear of retaliation and court hassles, anonymity is protected while police follow up on tips, and if an arrest is made in the case, a board of volunteer administrators decides how much the information was worth, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Payment is made quietly by a board member according to the caller's preferred conditions.

Okuloski said that Hamilton, where CH-TV News runs a Crimestoppers segment called Crime of the Week every Monday evening, has seen 185 arrests and more than \$227,000 worth of stolen property recovered and illicit drugs confiscated in the past year thanks to viewers' responses. Ten of the 65 crimes highlighted have been solved, he said.

Two kinds of viewers call in information, Okuloski said. Between 40 and 50 per cent are ordinary citizens motivated at least in part by a genuine interest in helping police and the community. The rest are either dedicated criminals, "fringe criminals" or their acquaintances, who call in just for the reward.

Councillors Carol Gooding of Oakville and Joan Little of Burlington questioned the ethics of a program based on coaxing

citizens to come forward to help their communities.

"I can support the principle," Gooding said, "but it relies on almost bribing citizens to live up to their responsibilities. I would hate to think we're setting a precedent. The whole purpose of the administrative board seems to be to just sit around and decide who's worth what."

"I too have a repugnance for this whole payola thing," Little added. "But I guess we're expected to try and balance idealism with reality."

Halton Hills Councillor Mike Armstrong expressed some misgivings over the fact that, according to Okuloski's figure, only 40 per cent of callers refuse the reward money.

"I suppose that means that for 60 per cent of them, money talks," he noted, nevertheless voicing strong support for the program.

"I think it's probably all part of the Wintario-Lottario complex we live in," Burlington's Walter Mukewich commented.

"The reward is an attention-getting device," Burlington Councillor Jim Grieve, chairman of the Halton Police Commission said. "If there are some scums out there who need \$500 to motivate them, so be it."

What began in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in late 1970s as a frustrated policeman's attempt to overcome community apathy and gain public help in solving a crime has blossomed into a major force in crime-fighting, annually recovering millions of dollars worth of stolen merchandise.

The program is now administered provincially in Alberta, which became Crimestoppers' first Canadian home in 1982. Calgary and Edmonton have tallied almost 700 arrests since then thanks to the program, Okuloski said.

"Halton is ready for a program like Crimestoppers," he said. "We have the media we need here, and I think we can only benefit from something like this that will bring the community closer together."

Milton Councillor Brad Clement noted that Halton Cable television appears to be the only area television station in that serves the Region uniformly, although Okuloski claimed that Crimestoppers re-enactments work equally well in newspapers in towns where there is no television coverage.

The sergeant told Gooding that he knows of no research into the possibility of Crimestoppers telecasts prompting "copycat" crimes by viewers. Nor is he aware of court cases being jeopardized when it is discovered that jury members have prior knowledge of the crime because they saw it re-enacted. There has been some concern over witnesses' testimony being affected by the program, he acknowledged.

In several ironic instances, he said, viewers have called in information about a suspect under the mistaken impression that police are seeking the actor who portrays the suspect in the re-enactment.

Molly Maid service really cleans up!

An area woman can be credited with cleaning up the town.

Perhaps the credit can't be extended too far, however she is responsible for the cleanliness of close to 250 homes in Georgetown, Acton and Milton. In 1981, Barb Chilwell bought a Molly Maid franchise and exclusive rights to operate her first small business in this area.

Nation-wide, Molly Maids clean more than 5,000 homes a week, a fact the company president Jim MacKenzie is obviously pleased with. Mrs. Chilwell is one of 100 franchise owners in Canada and shares this position with others in the United States and Great Britain.

Molly Maid was founded by Adrienne

still a share holder. Mr. MacKenzie heads the company from his Oakville office.

"We jealously guard our reputation. We want to stay the market leader," said Mr. MacKenzie in a recent interview.

Mrs. Chilwell is spreading that reputation to the neighbouring city of Guelph now, having recently expanded there. There are four Molly Maid cars in that area and 10 in north Halton. She leases the cars for the two-member cleaning teams who must pay for the gasoline.

Any of the 12 uniformed teams will clean the average house in two hours or less for a cost of about \$40. Most clients arrange for the service every other week. In addition to heavy housework the Molly Maids will follow special instructions which may have

them cleaning fish bowls. Incidentally, they do clean windows. The inside panes only.

The same team will return to a home, ensuring a client's instructions and preferences will be considered. If there is a problem the team is not confronted with it by the client. Mrs. Chilwell considers her position as a liaison between them a bonus of the Molly Maid system.

"We're bonded and insured," said Mrs. Chilwell of her employees.

Business has bloomed in the past six months.

"Business comes to you. You don't have to do a hard sell," she explained.

While many of those who contact her are



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