

## YOUR MORNING SMILE

A banquet has been described as an affair at which a man may insist that he isn't much of a speaker - then get up and spend an hour trying to prove it!

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## Ratepayers want Focal stopped, infilling instead

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald staff writer  
Halton Hills council is right in turning down Focal Properties' proposal to build 1,840 homes south of Silver Creek and letting the town grow by infilling instead, according to a report on the Focal proposal presented to the Georgetown Area Ratepayers' Association (G.A.R.A.) Thursday evening in Centennial Middle School.

The study, which resulted from three months of research by GARA members, indicates that the demand for new or expanded facilities as a result of the Focal subdivision could result in a tax increase of up to 19 per cent.

Allowing the town to expand by infilling, however, should be much less costly since services are already available for the lots upon which new homes would be built. While roads might need upgrading or resurfacing as a result of growth this work could be spread around so that it did not interfere with existing road-work priorities the report said. Permitting the Focal development to proceed, however, would necessitate extensive upgrading of Mountainview Road and the Ninth Line since it would be the access route to the development. This was estimated to cost \$5 million.

The report said that permitting the development to proceed would use up nearly all the remaining sewage capacity in the Georgetown plant and leave no reserve for industrial expansion. Keeping to the infill route to expansion would leave room for industries that might happen along before the infilling was complete. Once Focal was permitted to begin building there would be no turning back to make room for an industry, according to the report.

### SEWAGE CAPACITY

Focal's development with an estimated 7,000 population

would necessitate the erection of 1 1/2 new schools, the report said. At \$3 million per school, which is the current estimate on school construction, said Brian Bush, director of the study committee, taxpayers would face a \$4.5 million bill for schools in the development. But using the infill route would put new populations in areas that already have schools and there should be no trouble accommodating children since enrollments are dropping in these schools.

Focal's lands are beyond the boundaries set down in the town's official plan, the report said. They are also fertile farm lands and will be lost to production if the development is permitted. The fact that other farm lands adjacent to Focal also lie in the hands of developers makes it probable that pressure will be applied to allow these lands to be developed too if Focal's proposal is allowed.

### HUNGRY RAVINE

The Hungry Hollow ravine next to Focal's development site has been designated an environmentally sensitive area by the Halton Region Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee and building the homes could severely damage this feature of our natural heritage, the report said.

The report also noted that many residents have settled in Georgetown to get away from "the sort of urban sprawl which the Focal subdivision would aggravate," Mr. Bush said.

G.A.R.A. president Laurie Duggan accepted a motion from the floor that the membership be given a month to consider the study's findings before meeting to vote on endorsing it.

Mr. Duggan said the association has approximately 600 members, about 50 members and invited political candidates from the upcoming municipal election heard the presentation.

## Witnesses miss first day of trial

By LORI TAYLOR  
Herald staff writer  
What began as a friendly arm-wrestling match ended in death for Lloyd Sedore, the court heard Monday in the trial of Dale Morette, 25, of Georgetown, on a charge of manslaughter.

Mr. Sedore, 45, father of four, died following an incident outside the McGibbon Hotel in Georgetown on Sept. 16, 1977. Following an investigation by Halton Regional Police, Mr. Morette was arrested and charged with manslaughter.

The trial, being heard by His Honor, Judge Pat LeSage, began Monday at the County Courthouse (Criminal Division) in Milton. Mr. Morette elected trial by judge. David Price is acting for the crown. Counsel for the defense is Jack Belleghem of Georgetown.

Bench warrants were issued early in the proceedings for the arrest of four witnesses who failed to appear to testify after having been subpoenaed to appear. Two of the witnesses appeared later in the day, and the warrants for them were rescinded. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of John Joseph Butler of 67 King Street in Georgetown, and Daniel Joseph Patrick Murphy of 39 Maple Avenue, Georgetown.

Physical evidence  
Halton Regional Police Constable Bill McGrath testified for most of the morning. During his testimony the physical evidence acquired during the police investigation was entered into evidence. Included in the evidence were photographs taken of the scene, both inside and outside the hotel, and a scale drawing of the beverage scene.

Following police testimony, a number of witnesses who had been in the beverage room that night were called on to testify. Several witnesses described seeing Mr. Morette and Mr. Sedore in conversation and engaged in a friendly arm-wrestling match as they stood near the door. While not all the witnesses said they had a clear view of both men during the conversation, they agreed that both men seemed to be in a

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### UNICEF TRICKSTERS

Darth Vader and Cinderella, alias Shane Russett, 6, and Andrea McLean, 6, are all ready to go out trick-or-treating on Halloween and they have their Unicef boxes ready as well. Unicef, and United Nations children's

organization, collects each year at Halloween, and local Unicef organizers are hoping the people of Halton Hills will be as generous this year as they have been in the past.

## HOLIDAY CRASH TRIAL DATE SET

Special to The Herald  
Timothy Wayne Young, 18, of Etobicoke charged with dangerous driving in a Labour Day weekend accident near Acton was remanded in Milton Provincial Court Monday to Nov. 20 when a trial date will be set.

Mr. Young was the driver of the car involved in a mini-bike car accident which killed two Toronto youths, Andrew Taylor, 8, and James Fraser, 12, died while riding a mini bike on the First Line of Halton Hills near Acton.

Mr. Young appeared in Milton Provincial Court charged with four counts under the Highway Traffic Act and charged with dangerous driving. Mr. Young is charged with driving without a licence, driving an unsafe motor vehicle, driving with a licence belonging to another vehicle, and driving with an "altered" licence plate.

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### BAD NEWS

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### PUMPKIN PILES PROVE POPULAR

Kim West and Stephanie Marshall seem to think they've found the perfect pumpkin, but Stephanie's brother, Josh, is still looking for one to suit him. This heap of pumpkins was one of the attractions at the Pine

Valley Farm Halloween party last weekend. The party is an annual affair, featuring hay rides, Halloween games and plenty of Halloween treats. Photo by Lori Taylor

## Town library board begins soul searching

By MICHAEL HOLLETT  
Herald editor  
Halton Hills' Library Board began wrestling with the problem of defining the library's purpose, goals and objectives at a meeting last Wednesday night in an attempt to determine the library's needs and clarify its role in the community.

The controversy surrounding the fate of the old Georgetown library as well as the

possibility of the construction of a new facility prompted the library board's soul searching. Following discussions with representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation it was decided that the board must determine the library's role in the community before pursuing a new facility.

Bill Kriesel from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation directed the Wednesday night meeting and emphasized the need for a statement of purpose, goals and objectives comparing the statement with a constitution.

Library board chairman Dick Howitt said, "It's similar to the preparation of an Official Plan, it is a blueprint of where the municipality wants to go and policies on how to get there."

Board member Michael McMahon said, "We have lacked any kind of cohesion in the past. Individuals have individual goals and purposes but this can lead to conflicts because we haven't decided what we want to do as a board."

"A statement of principals will help bring us together as a board."

Board chairman Dick How-

itt said he hoped to avoid "marathon" and told board members not to feel obligated to complete the entire statement of purpose, goals and objectives in one meeting.

THREE HOURS  
After three hours the board finally agreed upon a statement of purpose "in principal" and subject to revision if it is felt necessary after further discussion.

The statement is "the purpose of the library board is to establish a focal point of the community's intellectual stimulus."

Mr. Kriesel divided the board members into two groups in attempt to spark "spontaneous" discussion to arrive at the statement. He took them back to square one asking them to list how they feel the community views the library, what a library should be like and finally, why a library exists in Halton Hills. The board would then re-group and discuss their findings together.

Board members agreed that the community's number one perception of the library is as "a place to store and borrow books."

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## This Week

### Election lineup

Nominations closed Monday night for the November 13 municipal elections and this week The Herald previews the entire lineup of electoral hopefuls with comments and biographical information about each candidate. Pages 3, 13

### Egyptian dancer

Georgetown resident Susan Evans has an interesting way of keeping fit, and expressing herself artistically - she's a classical Egyptian dancer. Page 15

### Play a hit

The Georgetown Little Theatre's production of the Benny Levy's "The Rape of the Bell" played to delighted audiences last week and Herald staffer Paul Dorsey was there. His thoughts on the performance appear in this week's paper. Page 22

### Raiders win again

The Georgetown Raiders won their second consecutive game Friday night when they downed the Port Colborne Sailors 6-1. See story and standings. Page 16

### Sabres drop four

The Acton Sabres dropped four games last week. Two of the team's big guns were suspended in the action. Page 16

## Students analyse Acton's shopping habits services are popular with in-town consumers

Special to The Herald  
Services whipped goods in the first round of results of a downtown Acton shopping survey conducted by marketing and geography students at Acton high school for Acton Chamber of Commerce.

The survey, conducted and analyzed by the students, consisted of 650 random personal interviews to determine shopping habits for Acton residents.

The goal of the survey, said Janet Fleming of Acton Chamber of Commerce, "is to determine shopping habits and preferences and specifically whether people do or do not shop in Acton and why."

ACTON MAJORITY  
Harold Mahatoo, one of three teachers co-ordinating the students' efforts, released initial results of the survey to Chamber of Commerce members Wednesday night and concluded Actonians patronize Acton for services much more than for goods.

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of Acton residents use or would use services provided in town by banks, doctors, dentists, veterinarians, barbers and beauticians, dry cleaners, chiropractors, lawyers, furniture fuel agents and appliance servicemen.

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Shoppers preferred overwhelmingly to go out of town for clothes (men's women's and children's), shoes (men's women's and children's) sporting goods, jewelry, office supplies, furniture and appliances.

### WHY SHOP

However, Acton shoppers preferred to shop in town for drugstore items, hardware supplies and home decorating supplies.

The specific response to grocery stores was 37 per cent who always shop in Acton, 24 per cent who usually shop in Acton, 27 per cent who sometimes shop in Acton and 10 per cent who never shop in Acton.

The reasons cited for not shopping in Acton, were overwhelmingly, that there is a lack of variety and that prices are too high. Other reasons were inadequate parking (comparatively) - overall statistics proved parking less of a sore point than indicated - poor quality merchandise and that stores don't cater to needs.

Convenience of shopping in Acton dented nearest competition for reasons why people shop in Acton. Other reasons for shopping in town were to support local business and the town, friendly employees, competitive prices, adequate parking, delivery services and gas savings.

"We have identified some of the areas that are weak," said Mr. Mahatoo.

"A further explanation (conclusions and recommendations) is coming," he said.

Though Mr. Mahatoo's presentation concentrated on the survey's statistical results, his presentation also touched on the benefits and opinions of the students gained from the survey.

The benefit, said Mr. Mahatoo, is that "they are having a direct input into the planning and the decision making of their community."

Participation in the survey also stimulated the students to learn and to progress with the survey. They developed a

"keen sense of dedication and an anticipation as to what the result would be," said Mr. Mahatoo.

### PEOPLE'S REACTIONS

When asked by a chamber member how people reacted to the 15 minute personal interview, student Christine Arbie said "people were really willing to give their answers... many people were even waiting for us (when we did the survey)."

However, Christine admitted those who were "really willing" to answer, in many cases had lived in Acton for 10 years or more.

In the new part of town, said student David Johnson, "they seemed to support out of town more."

"When we first told them about the shopping survey, they sort of laughed... and asked what shopping?"

Some people, when asked to respond to the survey, said "I don't have time... Leave me alone," reported student Paula Gardin.

However, said student Paul Brunelle, "They stayed for the 10 or 15 minutes (to answer the survey) because I didn't tell them how long it was at the beginning."

When Christine Arbie said "people were really interested... they wanted to know what would happen to their suggestions," a Chamber of Commerce member said: "So there's hope for us yet!"

### A CHORE

The general response by the Chamber of Commerce to the survey was "very well done... quite a chore."

"It's more in depth than I thought it would be," said one member.

"I really didn't think there was that much going into it," said another.

All to which Mr. Mahatoo smiled.

After all, he said a 75 report will be the final result of the project.

The Chamber of Commerce owes "deep thanks" to the students said Mrs. Fleming.