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This Week



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Way-Jay rocks

Toronto-based rock bands Goddo and the Battered Wives were in Norval Sunday to kick off a new concert series at the Way-Jay Club. The Herald's review of the concert, which attracted some 800 music fans, can be found inside along with photos from the show and an appraisal of the Club's renewed effort to escalate the local entertainment scene.

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Controversial principal

Eric Balkind, principal at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School in Georgetown is probably one of Halton Hills' most controversial educators. This week he discusses problems with the educational system, his proposal for a parenting course and why he entered teaching with Herald editor Michael Hollett in this week's edition of "Halton's People".

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REG BENOIT

Benoit leaving

Reg Benoit, who has been with the Georgetown Raiders since 1972-73, has accepted a promotion in Calgary and will no longer be with the club. For his reflections on his years with the team see Sports Week.

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Earliest taxi union

The taxi union formed locally last week after months of deliberation and dispute is actually not the first such union in Ontario, as had been assumed by all involved. Georgetown resident Roy Gillett recalls his own involvement in the formation of a Toronto taxi union that existed from 1937 to 1950.

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Mayor wants tannery serviced, southward push for Georgetown



STRETCH FOR HEALTH

Deanna Findlayson, 5, tries a yoga position with Beth Carter's help during an elective program held weekly at Park Public School. Deanna, a first grader at the school, is in the fourth week of the six-week course. Mrs. Carter, one of the school's parent volunteers, is just one of a number of instructors

helping out with a variety of courses offered to students. These courses include first aid, woodworking, music, cooking, crafts and badminton.

(Herald photo by Maggie Hannah)

Recreation advisory committee of no use to town: Pomeroy

By PAUL DORSEY
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An attempt to reform the town's recreation advisory committee (RAC) failed Monday night after the general committee of town council conceded that terms of reference established last fall for the RAC were too limited to allow the group to be of any use to the municipality.

Former RAC member John Day appealed to the committee for a year's trial run under the new terms of reference, offering to submit names of volunteers from each ward to form the RAC, disbanded in December by council.

While commending Mr. Day

and other for their willingness to work on the community's behalf, Mayor Pete Pomeroy contended that the town's recreation department is meeting the community's needs in that area. To appoint a citizens' committee under such limited terms of reference, he said, would be leading the volunteer members "down the garden path".

SOME GOOD

"I don't want people like John Day to stop trying to help the town," he commented, "but I'd rather see them slotted into something where they can really do some good."

At Mayor Pomeroy's suggestion, the committee recommended to council that the

need for a RAC should be reviewed by the town at the end of 1979. The idea was part of Mr. Day's own recommendation, the rest of which, calling for the RAC's reformation this year with one council representative, was rejected by a 6-3 vote.

Council was initially hopeful that problems related to the jurisdiction and relevance of the 2 RACs that existed in Georgetown and, until 1978, in Acton and Esqueping could be resolved by unifying the group so that Halton Hills would constitute the jurisdiction of a single RAC.

When an insufficient number of Halton Hills residents applied for membership on the

RAC in December, however, council voted to disband the group. Other factors cited in the decision were the increasing number of special interest organizations in the town have direct access to council, and the authority given council by Bill 151, the provincial legislation that created Halton region, to take any necessary actions with regard to local matters.

PAST MEMBERS

Noting that past RAC members were not consulted prior to council's action, Mr. Day challenged the reasons behind the decision. The RAC's alleged redundancy in view of increasing numbers of citizens' groups, he said, cannot be applied to the many citizens not represented by any group.

"In 1978, the RAC recognized that its relationship and reporting structure under which it was operating left it largely ineffective as a viable and responsible body to the council," he said, adding that the problem was solved by expanding the RAC's jurisdiction to include all of Halton Hills.

Mr. Day admitted that the RAC for Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown) was "too optimistic" in suggesting that the new Halton RAC should include two representatives from each of the four wards. Since there are not enough volunteers to meet the predic-

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By PAUL DORSEY
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A restriction of Georgetown's residential and industrial expansion to lands south of the community, a freeze on Acton's growth so that the Beardmore Tannery can be fully serviced and the steady preservation of agricultural land in southwest Halton Hills are highlights of Mayor Pete Pomeroy's 25-year forecast for this municipality.

Addressing the Norval Community Association Thursday night, Mayor Pomeroy outlined a number of personal wishes and predictions for the future development of Halton Hills that he stressed to not necessarily represent the will

of town council, nor that of Halton region.

The mayor nevertheless expressed confidence that regional officials as well as town council will see the wisdom and intentions behind the long-range development plan he is formulating in conjunction with town planning staff. The availability of municipal services and the related costs, he pointed out, have to be the persuasive factors in the preparation of such a plan.

SMALL TOWN

Mayor Pomeroy described Halton Hills as "virtually a small town", with its population concentrated in two urban centres surrounded by "some

of the best agricultural land" in Ontario.

An accepted estimate that Halton Hills will double its population during the next 25 years, however, is "kind of shocking" to residents who enjoy living in "a nice small community", he said.

Since the urban areas adjacent to Metropolitan Toronto and Lake Ontario must grow, Mayor Pomeroy said, steps must be taken now to produce a "comprehensive development plan" that will dictate the quality of life in the area for the next quarter century and ensure a measured "natural" growth in population, industry and commerce.

To this end, town planners are preparing a progressive strategy which, if Mayor Pomeroy's hopes are realized, would bring about the following developments:

All remaining sewage treatment capacity available to Acton would be allocated to the long-established Beardmore Tannery, which the mayor described as "one of our major industries". The move would freeze Acton's population at its current level of 7,200 until at least the year 2000.

The residential subdivision proposed by Focal Properties Ltd. for lands south of urban Georgetown will be approved. Mayor Pomeroy commented that he does not "necessarily want" the massive subdivision to win approval, but noted that the provincial ministry of housing "wants to see some growth now".

RESTRICT HOUSING

The town would attempt to restrict housing mixes in new subdivisions so that new and future residents will represent "the quality of people who will keep the cost of social services down" and "a class of people who are community-minded and who will build on the community spirit" in which Mayor Pomeroy expressed pride.

"I frankly don't want the kind of housing in Halton Hills that Focal is proposing," the mayor said. "That's where I

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Legal clinic staff trimmed, money a factor

By MAGGIE HANNAH
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A full time para-legal worker has been cut from the staff of the Halton Hills Legal Clinic as of today as the result of an evaluation report by an Ontario Legal Aid Plan associate director.

Despite this cut which will save the clinic at least \$8,000 the clinic's proposed budget for 1979-80 calls for an increase of just under \$4,000, from last year's \$43,640.35 figure.

Peter Barrow, chairman of the clinic's board of directors, said that in his report Henry Savage "laid it on the line" where the clinic's strengths and weaknesses lay.

STILL NECESSARY

"He said the clinic is still necessary at this moment, but at a reduced rate," Mr. Barrow said. "He recommended that we cut back from two full time para legal workers to 1 1/2. We did our own evaluation and decided there really wasn't enough work for two people so we are letting one person go completely. We have a union man on our board, Reg Benoit, and we followed his advice. He said the last man into a union shop is the first man out of it so we had to let Bill Cumpsty go. Mrs. Peggy Balkind has been with us since the clinic opened in 1977."

The increased costs also stem from a recommendation in Mr. Savage's report, Mr. Barrow said. He recommended the use of a part time lawyer on a full time basis and the elimination of duty counsel.

While using a lawyer rather than a legal worker and a duty counsellor is more expensive Mr. Barrow said it will have advantages. Having the same lawyer all the time will give continuity to clients using the clinic. The lawyer can also

train the legal worker, and "do the 101 things a lawyer can do that a legal worker can't." Included in this would be notarizing forms.

Mr. Barrow also felt that by having a lawyer continuously attending the clinic he would soon be able to say what the clinic should and shouldn't do. At present there is no good guide as to exactly what the clinic's function should be.

Mr. Barrow stressed that the increased funds requested in the budget may not be granted. The budget must be discussed with the Legal Aid Plan funding committee before it can be approved and there are no guarantees that the committee will agree with the terms the directors considered important, he said. That meeting will take place in February or early March.

Although the budget delegates \$11,000 for the proposed lawyer's salary, Mr. Barrow

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TRUCK-CAR COLLIDE ON TRAFALGAR ROAD

An Oakville woman was killed and three others injured in a traffic accident on Trafalgar Road north of Silver Creek Monday night.

Grace Copland, 41, of Oakville, was killed when the car in which she was a passenger was involved in a head-on collision with another car. Peter Copland, 44, and Paula Copland, 12 also of Oakville and James Milne, 57, of Grand Valley were also injured in the accident. Amy Copland, 17, was not injured.

Mr. Milne and Mr. Copland were admitted to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, Mr. Milne suffering leg injuries, and Mr. Copland, head injuries. Paula Copland was admitted to Georgetown Hospital, and later transferred to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto with undetermined injuries.

The accident occurred when the car northbound on Trafalgar Road pulled out to pass other northbound vehicles on the brow of a hill, and collided with a vehicle which was southbound in the southbound lane.

Halton Regional Police are continuing their investigation.



COLD CAMPING

Setting up your own tent is part of the assignment at the winter camporee of the North Halton District Scouts and Cameron Lavers, Derek Bridge, Mike Wood, Paul Gulstina and David Power used a little teamwork to get ready for a night spent in the

great outdoors. Although many people shudder at the thought of spending a night sleeping in a tent in the middle of winter, some of the scout leaders were heard to say they didn't think it was cold enough.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

lopment fund of \$130,000 a year.

SALARY INCREASE

While the salary increase is set at six per cent for the 1978-79 school year, that item has been left open for negotiation for the second year of the agreement. The total package will mean an increase for 1978-79 of 8.28 per cent over last year's costs, and an increase of 9.01 per cent in 1979-80, if an assumption is

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Halton elementary teachers get six per cent increase

The Halton board of education voted ten to four in favor of accepting a proposed settlement which would give Halton's 1,300 elementary teachers a six per cent salary increase in addition to a dental plan and other benefits.

The two-year agreement was reached at the conclusion of a marathon 22-hour bargaining session December 18 and 19 with provincial mediator Graeme McKechnie, after the release of a provincial fact-

finder's report proved ineffective in assisting the negotiators to reach a settlement.

Other benefits included in the package are a dental plan equivalent to the Blue Cross basic plan 7, to which the board will contribute 75 per cent, the hiring of 25 new teachers in the second year of the agreement (September, 1979), a contribution of 75 per cent of premiums for OHIP, extended health and life insurance, and a professional deve-