

## YOUR MORNING SMILE

The commuter bus was crowded and an overweight lady got on board. "Isn't some gentleman going to offer me a seat," she asked with little tact.

A man rose and said, "Well, I'm willing to make a contribution."

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## CRAZY BOAT BATTLERS

The Georgetown Jaycees' and Jaycettes' annual Crazy Boat Race was crazier than ever this year, with a record number of participants and spectators gathering from around southern Ontario for Saturday's big event. Organizers estimate that more than 400 brave souls challenged the river's fast current and chilly temperature for a chance to complete the five-mile route ahead of everyone

else and have a lot of fun besides. From the starting point in Terra Cotta, Mayor Pete Pomeroy launched the armada of crazy boats on their way downstream to Glen Williams. More photos page nine.

(Herald photo by Peter West)

## This Week



JOHN McDERMID

### Campaign underway

The current federal election campaign is barely more than a week old. Herald editor Michael Hollett found out how Brampton-Georgetown candidates spent the first week of the election race and what lies ahead in their campaign.

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### Second City a smash

With less than 200 people in the audience, Thursday night's Second City show at the Way-Jay Club in Norval may not have been a commercial success, but for those who did attend, the renowned troupe of comedians lived up to the highest expectations. Herald writer Paul Dorsey reviews the show inside.

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### Barber takes third

Glen Williams' Kris Barber and his dance partner Kelly Johnson returned from West Germany Monday where they finished third in the Junior World Figure Skating Championships. There were 21 dance pairs competing representing 13 countries.

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## Record crowd attends race as Crazy Boaters dazzle fans

Warm sunshine and a break in the weekend rains helped the Georgetown Jaycees and Jaycettes establish a new attendance record for their annual Crazy Boat Race Saturday afternoon.

Thousands of spectators lined the banks of the Credit River between Terra Cotta and Glen Williams to watch nearly 400 courageous sailors and would-be sailors paddle, float and at times swim alongside their vessels of all descriptions.

### LAUNCHED ARMADA

Jaycette Bev Daquano reported that 139 different craft were entered in the five categories of competition, representing an increase of about 32 boats over last year. The individual crazy boats had more crew members aboard than last year on the average, she added.

Once a flotilla of two-man canoes had raced the Terra Cotta Inn on their way downstream from the Class A starting point at Cheltenham, Mayor Pete Pomeroy officially launched the vast armada of crazy craft from the riverbank near the Inn.

The race's organizers inadvertently added some extra fun this year in their attempt to provide a better system of getting the craft back onto shore at the finish line.

To offset the effect of the fast-moving river current, they suspended a row of inflated inner tubes from the Regional Road 32 bridge in Glen Williams within arm's reach of the passing craft. Time after time, though, when crazy boat crew members reached up to the hanging tubes to try and slow their vessels down, and aim them into shore, they

ended up either being dragged off the boats or flipping the entire craft and fellow crew members upside down. The crowds of spectators loved every minute.

Jaycees and helpers cast lines out to the boats being carried further along by the swift current to drag them ashore.

There were no injuries or serious mishaps reported, and even the wettest and most tired sailors appeared to be having a great time.

At the victory dance held Saturday night at Norval's Way-Jay Club, J.D. Hobbs of Barrie and Mike Ruddock of Orillia claimed the Class A trophy for the first two-man canoe to cross the finish line.

The Class B trophy for fastest entry in the crazy boat class category went to perennial winners John, Terry and

Joe Campbell of Georgetown, who, along with Dan Norman, guided their steek, plywood vessel to a third consecutive victory.

### CRAZY CRAFT

Also in Class B, the trophy for best presented crazy craft went to Perry and Linda Jameson, who manned a giant mousetrap, donned rodent masks and squeaked their way to the finish line.

Crazy craft and other boats of all types were entered in Class C, and Georgetowners Roger Richards and Jim Barclay led the rest of their competition to the finish line to claim the "first to finish" prize.

Class D belonged to the service clubs, with a strong four-man team representing the Frenchman's Bay Jaycees from the Pickering area, finishing the race first.

The best presented entry in Class D was the three-man vessel sponsored and manned by the Whitby Jaycees.

Beating all other commercial entries to a Class E victory was a boat sponsored by Harry Green, a Liberal Party candidate in the riding of Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe. John Darrell, R. Andrew Shields, Art Johnston, Robert Miller and Gary Luker were aboard the craft for the race.

Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown claimed "best presented" honors in Class E for its Love Boat entry, which was guided along the route by an all-girl crew that included Mary Kay Millar, Helen Debour, Jeanette Hancock and Linda Bastedo. The builders of their own craft, the women became the first female crazy boat sailors ever to complete the race.

Mrs. Daquano expressed thanks to all the Jaycees and Jaycettes, along with their helpers and supporters, who made the 12th Crazy Boat Race the "best we've ever had".

This year's event would have been the Jaycees' 13 annual race but for one recent season when routing, support and safety concerns necessitated the race's cancellation. The Crazy Boat Race is a Jaycees' designated community service project, annually drawing widespread attention, as well as participation, from around southern Ontario.

## Support for combined culture centre

By MICHAEL HOLLETT  
Herald editor

Local library and little theatre officials are sharing Mayor Pete Pomeroy's hopes that the combined library and cultural centre being considered by town council will ultimately resolve two major problems that have plagued the town for years.

Monday night council confirmed a recent committee

decision abandoning plans to incorporate a theatre into planned renovations at the Howard Wrigglesworth School (see page nine). At that time consultants hired by the town discussed a "third option" but gave few details.

The mayor elaborated further on the third option this week for The Herald and explained that a combined theatre and library structure are being seriously considered.

The mayor said the plan would probably involve the construction of a new building at a yet to be determined site. The building would contain a 300 seat theatre as well as a new library, among other facilities.

### NEW BUILDING

Mayor Pomeroy said the existing library may be incorporated into the plan but that is unlikely.

He did say he is "determined" to preserve the old library building, possibly finding a new use for the structure.

"I said during my campaign that we would solve this problem during my first term in office and we intend to do it," he stated.

"Even if we have to bring back plans to council every week we will do it."

Mayor Pomeroy said that by constructing a combined facility the town would save money in a number of ways including reduced maintenance costs.

He predicts that details of the third option will be presented to council within a month.

### COMBINED SUPPORT

Spokesmen for both the library and the Georgetown Little Theatre told The Herald they are pleased with the proposal for a combined facility.

Derek Joyes of the GLT would definitely get involved in some form of fund-raising campaign if council opts for a combined facility.

Halton Hills library board chairman Dick Howitt told The Herald, "I'm personally in favor of a combined facility and I think I'm speaking on behalf of the entire board when I say this."

"The concept is really great, the building would become almost a focal point for the town. I could see the combined facility taking the place of a community centre."

been approved by council for Vetere's Pizzeria, the A and P Grocery, Beaver Lumber, Shoprite and his own place of employment, Masson Motors Ltd.

"We're not going to create an ugly mess," he assured council. "That's a clean area and I want to keep it clean, but I don't think this is going to create any ugly, unsightly appearances."

Noting that Halton Hills "wants new industry and business in the worst way," Coun. Patterson criticized council for moving too slowly on a comprehensive sign control bylaw that has been on the drawing board for years.

"It's time we stopped all the pussyfooting that's gone on here in the past," he said. "With this type of thinking, Georgetown will continue to be a bedroom town. Signs like

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## \$2,000 RAISE FOR EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The Halton board of education has approved an increase of \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year in the maximum salary categories for the board's area superintendents, superintendents and director of education.

The maximum for area superintendents has been increased by \$1,000, to \$43,120; for area superintendents, the increase was \$2,000 to \$17,620; the maximum for the director of education was increased \$2,000 a year to \$54,620. Director of education Em Lavender said the increase would cost the board an additional \$7,000 this year.

In a comparison with 13 other major boards of education, the salary scale in Halton places them in the eighth position, with seven boards paying higher average salaries, and five paying lower salaries.



## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES MONTH

April was proclaimed Columbian Squires Month by town council Monday night in honor of the 18,000 young men in 900 communities around the world who work to raise funds and help others. Chief Squire of the local circle 2279, Joe Domingos (left) and the circle's senior counsellor Ed Kasprzycki (right)

looked on as Acting Mayor Ross Knechtel signed the proclamation into law. Now in its 53rd year of operation, the International Columbian Squires organization is currently raising funds for the construction of a \$30,000 trade school in Guyana.

(Herald photo)