

Soccer talk

Maintaining secrecy is not a good policy

By ALEX TOUGH

Apparently the proposals contained in the capital forecast for 1980 come from the "master plan". This mysterious and secret document, has not been made available to any person or group. This despite the promise that the report would be made available.

I do not like the method of maintaining secrecy where taxpayers time and money are concerned. Why the secrecy? There was no secrecy or duplicity by those gathering the information. Who provided the dollars for the consultants' employment? The same people are entitled to know.

As I said last week, soccer was not, nor has been since early 1976, consulted on facility requirements other than the "master plan". There may well be some recommendations in the plan which, at this stage, are not for public consumption. What is there to hide? Does the capital forecast contain all, some or amended recommendations? And who recommended what for the forecast? And who put together the actual forecast?

According to some council-

lors the council acts on the recommendations of the departmental head. According to some departmental heads they only carry out council policy. One of these last two sentences is incorrect and untrue - they cannot both be correct and true.

Anyway I have asked for a copy of the "master plan" and the capital forecast. Should I not receive them you will be among the first to know.

Finally (for this week) I am concerned not only for soccer but also for other sports and recreation users; and not forgetting other capital dollar items.

BROUGHT BUSINESS

Whilst dwelling on Sweden '79 last week and capital forecast this week these thoughts bring 1980 into focus. The visit from Hagfors brought a fair amount of business to our community as several of our stores will testify. A similar occurrence was evident last year during the Ontario, Peel and Halton cups and Pioneer tournament.

We visit a fair number of towns in tournaments throughout the season and generate business as we go. With better field facilities we

could return the favor and host our own tournament. The "Robbie" in Scarborough, the Mississauga Vanguard and Oakville International are among the largest soccer tournaments in North America. I believe the youth actually prefer tournament style competition to any other.

Next year I am hopeful that we will have visits from East Kilbride, if they can make it for the third consecutive year, from another west of Scotland club and perhaps east of Scotland.

Des Rafferty came to Georgetown and with one son and two daughters became involved in, particularly, girls soccer. He could be considered as one of the pioneers in girls playing soccer and has been coach, manager and referee on many occasions. Des took up the post of commissioner for girls last year. This was real eye opener for him, showing Des for the first time the organizations that is necessary to operate a soccer club. He has a thirst for knowledge of the game and is the first person to admit he is not aware of something. He takes his commissioner du-

ties seriously and is almost always at every girls game and exhibits unbounded enthusiasm as he tears up and down the touchlines. P.S. Last Tuesday I dealt with 18 telephone calls on soccer, whilst at work!

HAVING PROBLEMS

We are having a problem in fielding teams for the club league Peel Halton Cup competition. This is the first attempt at this venture. It is perhaps a little early to pass judgement and my first impression is that our guys do not want this type of competition. We will have to look closely at this area for next year. I managed a look at a couple of the house league games last week in spite of a busy schedule and trying to spend some time with my visiting sister and nephews. I also saw a good performance from the Baz atoms against Streetsville, with Terry Dixon's hat trick a delight. Rory Kenney, in goal, stopped a few shots and one in particular. The Meteor Mosquitos tied Clarkson at 5-5 after being 4 up. A sparkling first half was followed by a slackening off in the second.

They managed to hold on

for the tie and Innes Williams, Doug Covert, Todd Cull, Dave Basha and Thomas Gross took the eye. P.S. I hope Karen Fokkens is okay after her knock at last Friday's game.

Waterloo 11 - Valentinas 0

On Thursday the Valentina Bantam Girls took the field at Waterloo, and I know how Napoleon felt after his Waterloo. The troops tried hard enough, however, every mistake cost us dearly. Overall there were not that many goals between us. The determination, ball skills, passing, running and positional play of Waterloo players was above ours, the enthusiasm was not.

We danced over the ball,

instead of kicking, and lost 5 goals from those errors. We failed to cover the extreme players in the goal area when under pressure and lost 5 goals as a result. Our keeper managed to get her hands on six of the goals and could not stop them from going in. Tighter control of the ball and positions would have stopped the flow into our net.

The gang did not lose heart and we continued to attack as best we could until the end. Faults and praise can be equally spread on this display. Credit also is very much due to an excellent Waterloo team who did not let up and played well, skilful, driving soccer through-

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Clarke leads Senior girls

By KEN JONES

Heather Clarke scored her first hat trick as the Georgetown Senior Girls gave Richmond Hill Marines a 6-0 drubbing at Cedarvale on July 19.

Georgetown current leaders in the Golden Horseshoe league, had no trouble handling Richmond Hill as they went on the offensive from the start and Clarke had her first goal from a beautiful cross by Sherri Crossman playing left wing.

Shortly after goal number two was registered by Shelia Rafferty from a goal mouth scramble and from then on Georgetown had things her own way with Clarke again up her second. Crossman and Linda Wilde converted one each before the half ended.

On the resumption a disappointed Richmond Hill tried their very best to cope with the more experienced and faster Georgetown team but to no avail as Clarke again found the nets to complete her hat trick before enthusiastic home supporters, including Stapletons, Wilsons, Clarkes, Wildes and the Raffertys.

The score could have been much more had it not been for the eagerness of the Georgetown girls, who were caught offside on numerous occasions.

A happy note is that Georgetown has been accepted for this year's Robby Tournament, to be held in Scarborough during the Labour Day weekend - September 1-3.

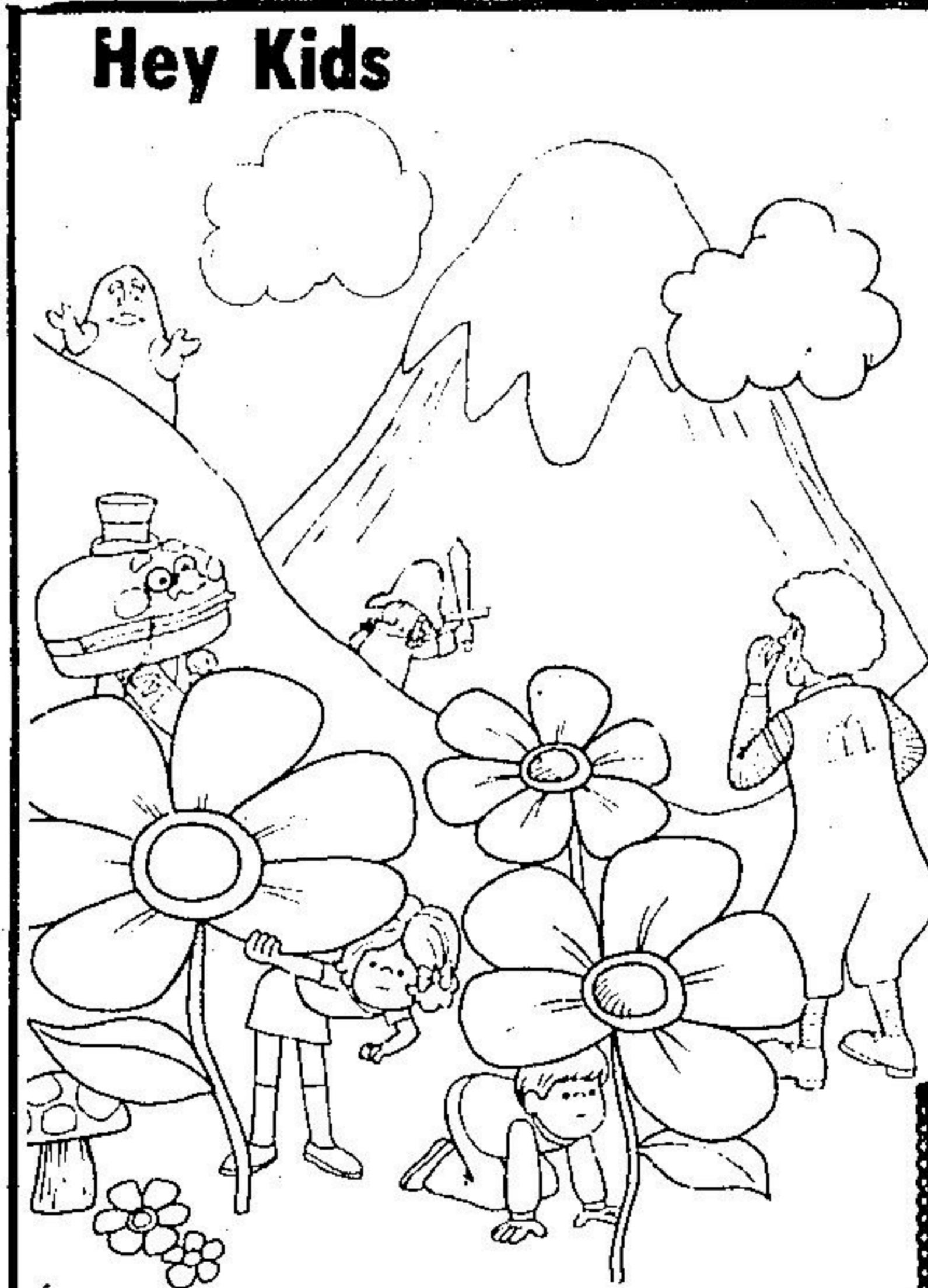
Future Games: July 25 G Town vs R. Hill; August 8 G Town vs. Brampton at home; August 15 G Town vs. Clarkson at Clarkson; August 20 G Town vs. Oakville at Oakville.

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