



### HARRISON CELEBRATES

Last Wednesday was International Year of the Child Day, and students at Harrison Public School had a number of projects on the go to celebrate. Here, parent volunteer Betty Daniels and a group of students study a mural showing a Nigerian village.

Other projects included a model of a village in Thailand, and some cooking from other countries. The students concentrated on projects connected with developing countries in the Third World. Herald photo.



**Michael Hollett**  
Herald editor

## Good-bye Halton Hills

When I was appointed editor of the Herald, 13 months ago, I knew that sooner or later I'd be writing this column. This will be the last edition of the Herald with myself as editor.

I'm leaving the newspaper to take a position as a writer-editor with the Women's Compensation Board in Toronto. There I'll be working on a quarterly magazine, a monthly newspaper and a few other publications.

While I'm excited about my new challenge, I'm leaving the Herald with a healthy dose of regret and nostalgia.

After having been so deeply involved in the day to day workings of Halton Hills over the past year, it's not easy for me to simply wrench myself out of this community of which I've grown quite fond.

I can't help feeling I'm leaving unfinished business. Issues like Focal Properties and the hydro corridor are yet to be resolved. After having watched these and other news items develop during the past year, I'm a little disappointed not to be around when they're resolved.

#### Lots of news

But I can't complain, during my tenure as editor the people of Halton Hills have made more news than I think I had a right to expect.

Other newspaper people are always surprised when I tell them about the goings-on of this newsy community. Between the municipal and federal elections, the making of Never Trust an Honest Thief, and so on, my concern has never been how to drum up news but simply where to put it all.

And I must thank the many people of this town who have helped us come up with the news during this past year. Without interested readers, and 'news-feeders' a community newspaper is nothing. Fortunately for me, you've all been very good about keeping us informed.

It's so easy to run on and get overly sentimental at a time like this, so I'll try and avoid it. I've had many, many pleasant times editing this newspaper and to the people who helped make this experience more enjoyable to me, my sincerest thanks.

#### Thanks to staff

And I'd feel remiss if I didn't thank the staff of the Herald themselves for the good times we've had working and relaxing together. You've all helped make this more than just another job for me, so thanks to you too.

I can't help feeling a little possessive towards the Herald, after all, this newspaper and I have been rather intimate during the past year. For that reason I feel a lot better about leaving knowing the editorship of the newspaper will be passed along to the Herald's senior reporter, Paul Dorsey.

Paul has been my proverbial right-hand man during the past year, as well as a good friend, and I'm sure the newspaper is being left in very capable hands. I only hope Paul doesn't do too good a job, after all, you like to be missed a little bit.

In my new post, I'll be just a short hop down the 401 from Halton Hills, so I'll be stopping in from time to time. Until then, to all of you, see you soon.

## Letters to the Editor

### Movie prices, policies anger Acton reader

To the editor of the Herald:  
This letter is a complaint against the management of the Georgetown Cinema's.

Saturday, October 13, 1979 my three-year old daughter and I arrived at the Cinema at approximately 1:15 p.m. We stood in a line-up outside in the cold for approximately 20-25 minutes until the show opened. When we reached the ticket booth we were charged \$3.50 for myself and \$1.00 for my daughter. At that time I was told that "Sleeping Beauty" was a regular showing and not a matinee. Since when has "Sleeping Beauty" been a regular showing?

I cannot imagine anyone taking their husband or wife to see such a movie or their children at a 9:00 p.m. showing. Would the manager or the staff appreciate it if the parents paid \$1.00 each for the children, then left them to be handled by them. Who do they think would watch them all, buy their treats or take them to the washroom?

This was only the beginning, as we were getting comfortably situated in our seats, I noticed that there was beginning to be more people than seats available and still people were coming in. Then all of a sudden a gentleman which could have been the manager, went down the aisle telling everyone that the movie "Sleeping Beauty" which was being showed in Cinema 3 was now being showed in Cinema 2. Cinema 2 just happens to be a bigger Cinema with more seats.

As you can imagine the people in the aisle and in the lobby were the first people to get seats, while the ones that were already seated and with their coats off had to grab everything and follow the crowd. That meant finding a new seat and getting reorganized which we finally did. Okay, the cartoon was shown, then the coming shows were given a few minutes of advertisement. The continuous time the children were shown people being shot and cars being blown up. Our society today has enough destruction without advertising it to the young people of today. There was no need to show it at that particular time, they could have waited and showed it to a more mature audience.

Then came a short intermission, by this time myself and a lot of other people were getting irritated to say the least. Can nothing be done or said to stop this?  
Sandra MacDonald,  
Acton, Ont.

### US prisoner wants letters

To the editor of the Herald:

I was born in Georgetown, but my parents moved away when I was in the fourth grade. My parents were killed in an automobile accident when I was sixteen, and I lived in a foster home until I was eighteen. I am in prison now and have never felt more lonely in my life. I don't have anyone to write to, nor anyone to write me. I believe some of my relatives still live in or around Georgetown and I thought that if maybe you could find the kindness in your heart to publish my letter that, some of my relatives or someone who knew them might write to me. I would also like to correspond with anyone as a pen-pal who lives in or around Georgetown. I am a young, white male, but loneliness picks no age or color. And if there is anyone who reads my letter that is lonely, and wants a friend to share a smile with from time to time, please write and I will answer. Thank you kindly for your time.  
My mailing address is:  
Dennis G. Dangar M-2  
Box 70485  
Reidsville, Ga. 30453  
P.S. I was called Gary in school.

### The Herald welcomes letters to the editor

To the editor of the Herald:  
Occasionally it is necessary to write to an official of our town, but rarely do we take the trouble.

In this case I feel very desperate and hope that I am not the only one appalled with our council's vote; 8-1, allowing leg-hold trappings of animals.

L. Richardson,  
P.S. Congratulations on not burying the article.

### Town should ban trap

### Trees possible at sludge lagoon

Trees may be planted along the perimeter of a sewage sludge lagoon near Ashgrove in response to complaints by neighboring residents, if a suggestion by Coun. Russ Miller can be pursued.

A report on the feasibility and cost of installing visual buffers alongside the lagoon is to be prepared by regional staff in accordance with a recommendation passed last week by the Halton public works committee.

The Halton Hills councillor raised the matter of citizens' concerns as the committee voted to endorse Simeco Engineering Ltd. as the firm to prepare a detailed report on the handling and disposal of sewage sludge for Halton. Total cost of the study is estimated at \$24,000.

Acting on a "request from Ashgrove area residents", Coun. Miller told the committee that he, too, finds the Halton Hills disposal lagoon "unacceptable", largely because of its close proximity to a busy roadway. He suggested that the region should plant some fast-growing trees to offset the visual problem.

Despite additional complaints about the lagoon from Coun. Laurie Mannell of Oakville, who challenged the acceptability of the site, committee chairman Ron Planché, also of Oakville, curtailed further discussion.

Although not the lowest, Simeco's bid on the sludge study was selected from among five others because of what public works director Bob Moore called "the need for good rapport with the agricultural community and local agencies such as the Halton Region Conservation Authority." Simeco is also currently involved in a similar study undertaken on behalf of the region of Durham and the town of Cobourg, where many problems common to Halton are being experienced.

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### VIEWPOINT

## Report angers columnist

By GERRY LANDSHOROUGH

A very sad and disheartening report came out of Toronto last week from Dr. Carol Cowell, the division chief of paediatrics and adolescent gynaecology for the Hospital for Sick Children.

According to Dr. Cowell "therapeutic abortion will have to be accepted as an essential way of coping with adolescent pregnancies." Dr. Cowell said the abortion method must continue because we've failed "abysmally" to sell the idea of contraception to adolescents.

Personally I disagree very strongly with both statements. It is not the idea of contraception that we have failed to sell our young people. Because an adolescent is aware of the variety of contraceptive methods available, or has such methods on hand, is certainly no guarantee that they'll be used. What we have failed to sell the idea of to young people, is that, sex is not the end all, be all. Teenagers of the past 10 to 15 years were sold "sex" by the movie makers, the song writers, the pornography publishers - they were sold on very definite misleading advertising that promised far more than it could deliver.

Young girls were sold that idea that it is possible to say "no" you can have the freedom that you've always wanted and "with it" of today would emerge a sophisticated young woman completely free and secure in her new found freedom. Young men are sold the "macho man" image - masculinity and virility all tied up in a pretty package of sexual fantasy. The possibility of pregnancy or the probability as the case may be was underplayed along with the disillusionment that comes with believing that any one area, of

life, such as sex, can act as a wonder cure for all of life's problems.

Abortion is a word that flows so easily past so many lips but when it happens that "you're pregnant" that little word takes on a whole different meaning. Take the words of our new teenage mother who told me "every clinic or doctor I went to said I should have an abortion - nobody cared about my baby." We justify abortion by telling ourselves fantasy stories about the quality of life our unborn child would be condemned to lead - yet because of life's completely unexpected twists and turns it becomes totally irrational to try to predict any humans path in this world.

At the present rate of increase in abortions the word "therapeutic" should be omitted and "dehumanizing" substituted. Fortune and circumstance change and always those who have sought abortion as a solution are faced with psychological effects that far outweigh what appeared as a "quick and easy" solution. Teenagers are more susceptible to the "quick and easy" route than any other group - they lack the life experience that shows nothing is ever so quick or so easy as those who are pushing it make it out to be.

Who would expect the theory that amputation for an arm is just as good as penicillin at the onset? It is highly irrational to accept thinking that tells us abortion is as good as contraception. Many teenagers feel that "if I get caught I'll just get an abortion." A baby is a human being, smaller than we are, but everything it takes to become big is already there, not one thing is added. Because big has always had power over little, we abuse our size and take rights that are not ours to

take. If the argument is a woman has the right to choose because it's her body let that choice be made before conception. If there is any one thing we have failed "abysmally" at it is teaching our children and ourselves to look past the moment and to think past what someone else is trying to push at you. Sex is a part of living and a very pleasurable part of that - but like any other part of life it only works well under certain circumstances. If two people have deep feeling and commitment towards one another then sex readily becomes part of showing that feeling and commitment, if a child results from such commitment how can that baby, the object of such deep feeling, be discarded in a green garbage bag on the end of a hospital O.R. table? If, however the commitment is not there - then the feeling is not there - then and only then can you justify irrationally that the quality of life is not there. If amputation is not the answer to a whole and healthy arm, why should abortion be the answer to a whole and healthy human being? It's not the idea of contraception we have to sell - it's the idea that free and "easy" sex is like anything else in life - there never is a free and easy way, someone always has to pay the paper.

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