



A PASSING RESEMBLANCE

Sure it was good fun, but Peter Snider (left) who judged the pet show at Saturday's Georgetown Fall Fair had the audacity to suggest that this raccoon named Rocky was a dead-ringer for president Herb Dolson (right). The pet show was one of several popular events at the two day fair this weekend. For more pictures see page C1.
 (Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Heated debate expected

Sewer rates issue threatens region

By CHRIS AAGAARD
 Herald Staff Writer
 A second proposal to scrap the Halton region's equalized sewer surcharge rate could pose the strongest threat to regional solidarity in Halton's six-year history.

Although the recommendation is expected to be defeated before the regional council, Mayor Pomeroy told his own council Monday night that if the motion carries, "I would hope there won't be any regional government at this time next year."

Burlington Coun. Joan Allingham's recommendation calling on Halton to revert to the old "charge-back" format whereby the region's different municipalities pick up their own sewage tabs was passed by the sewer rate committee Monday and will go before an anticipated fiery debate in council next Wednesday.

While the committee recommended giving Halton Hills a total of \$684,000 in expended 1981-82 special assistance sewage grants, town residents could see a healthy increase in their tax bill in 1982 to help continue to pay for the municipal sewer surcharge system.

A strong proponent of the regional system, Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, denounced the committee's decision as "using that (Burlington-Oakville) voting power against us".

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Implemented in January, the equalized sewer and water rate scheme was almost dumped in June following a motion from Coun. Allingham which called on Halton to revert to the chargeback system.

Coun. Allingham drafted another motion two weeks later deferring any decision on the sewer rate issue until after September 15, the deadline set for a report on regional sewer and water rates.

Attendance at Fall Fair high despite talk of a boycott

A numbing wind and the occasional drizzle failed to keep attendance down at this year's Georgetown Fall Fair as the hearty turned out to enjoy old favorite features and sample new ones.

Fall Fair Board president Herb Dolson said he wasn't too sure if it was the good work of the Lions Club at the gates or the uniqueness of the Junior Miss Halton Hills pageant and the baby show which brought the crowds in to edge out last year's attendance tally.

in the five to eight-month category and Adam Bonneau picked up top spot for the nine months to one year group. Television cameras from CHCH TV Channel 11 arrived in time for the Junior Miss Halton Hills pageant at 11:00 a.m. The brainchild of Jim Barrett, the pageant came under attack over the last seven weeks from residents who felt beauty contests in general were "sexist" and feared that the competition would teach the children a false sense of values.

But crowds gathered to watch anyway, applauding Leslie Ann Staddon as she took first place in the contest's inaugural year. Krista Robertson followed in second place and the remaining seven girls picked up trophies for a general third place finish.

Numerous community groups kept people well-fed as they wandered from exhibits to horse draws to fire department displays.

So-called 'secret' policy paper not so secret, officials say

"Anybody I've talked to thought the fair was very good," he said, adding that he hoped the 13th anniversary of the fair next year will attract more volunteers to help organize events.

A recent provincial policy statement touted as a "secret cabinet paper" which would give aggregate priority over people is anything but secret.

The paper was put together with input from the ministry of housing and the ministry of transportation and communication, she says. It had already been thoroughly reviewed by provincial government groups before it was offered to the municipal groups for input.

Halton politicians and press picked it up with vengeance last week when the paper suddenly seemed to connect with a lawsuit against Halton region's new official plan instigated by Standard Industries and the Halton Region Aggregate Producers Group.

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ELECTION CENTRAL

Moulden seeks regional seat



Herald Special
 The Ward 2 seat on Halton regional council, which has been held by Russell Miller since the region was formed in 1974, is going to be contested in the Nov. 10 election.

Dolly Moulden, a rural Limestone housewife, announced Friday that she will oppose Mr. Miller this time. He was acclaimed to the seat in 1978.

long. I would point to the unanticipated deficit of \$700,000, the duplication in services and departments and the excessive cost to taxpayers of these items."

Hunsley runs in Ward 2

Herald Special
 A second candidate has announced his intention to seek a Ward 2 local council seat.

Mr. Hunsley said he is interested in long-range planning that would provide funds to regularly upgrade portions of rural roads each year rather than on a random basis. He would also seek better communication between the public and council. As a councillor, he would commit himself to attend council and committee meetings and any other functions necessary for the betterment of Halton Hills.

"It is my belief both urban and rural areas should work hand in hand for the betterment of Halton Hills," he said.



Official plan review could drag on: Perlin

By MAGGIE HANNAH
 Herald Special
 Anyone expecting fast action on attempts to quash Halton region's two-month old official plan is probably doomed to disappointment according to the region's solicitor.

Dennis Perlin expects it will be three weeks before the initial action is heard in divisional court. It could be anywhere from six months to a year before a decision is made about sending the plan to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for adjudication.

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Mr. Perlin said he expects the matter to wind up before the OMB sooner or later. He sees it as a move by the aggregate producers to get control on their lands relaxed in whatever way possible.

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Council defers Duff's hearing

Because of legal action instigated by the Halton Aggregate Producers' Group against the halton official plan, Halton Hills council decided to defer action on an application by J.C. Duff for an official plan amendment to permit a licensed pit on his Fifth Line property near Limestone.

Council had called for a public meeting on the proposed pit at its meeting last Monday. Regional council members learned Wednesday that the aggregate group has instigated legal action against the plan and J.C. Duff is a member of the aggregate group responsible for the action.

Mayor Pomeroy said the hearing on the action which had been scheduled for Oct. 3 had been deferred until Nov. 4.



Herald publisher Bill Evdokimoff displays the cover of the new edition of The Herald, to be known as The Weekend Extra.

Announcing a new edition of The Herald

Herald publisher Bill Evdokimoff is pleased to announce the launching of a special weekend edition of this newspaper, to be known as "The Weekend Extra".

The Weekend Extra will be circulated to homes throughout the Halton Hills area each Friday morning, giving residents a chance to check the money-saving specials being offered by local merchants.

The Herald and its advertisers recognize the growing trend towards shopping "at home", and hope that the Weekend Extra will keep residents informed as to the services and specials available here in Halton Hills, Mr. Evdokimoff said.

"There is a definite need for the Weekend Extra, because people need a reminder of what values are available in town, because out-of-town shopping is fast becoming expensive in view of the ever-increasing cost of gasoline," he said.

The Weekend Extra will also have a selection of real estate listings for Halton Hills, and will provide classified advertisements with additional coverage each week.

The Weekend Extra will provide a unique forum for advertisers and consumers to meet, Mr. Evdokimoff said.

"This is the latest in The Herald's continuing effort to serve the Halton Hills community, following our re-location to expanded headquarters and the installation of our own printing presses."