

Letters to the Editor

Story 'smears' DC-10: reader

Dear Sir:

Re your article "Mock Air Disaster" on your issue dated Jan. 28, 1981.
 Surely, a major air disaster could be simulated to test our town's emergency preparedness without using the crash landing of a DC-10 aircraft.
 Why not a 747 or a 1011, or would it not have been advisable to simply use the word "aircraft?"
 The news media have done more than their share in promoting scare tactics and smearing the name of a fine aircraft like the DC-10.
 Unfortunately, adverse publicity can affect not only the sales of the DC-10, but the loss of jobs affecting men and

women in our area (Employees of McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company).
 Perhaps in future, we can look forward to a more responsible and less sensational method in the preparation of a mock disaster in our town.

Susan M. William
 Maple Ave.
 Georgetown

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald and the Georgetown chapter of the Red Cross apologize for inadvertently implying that a DC-10 is more likely to "crash" than other aircraft. Further reports about this Sunday's mock emergency will be re-written and edited accordingly.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

Billy Bishop joins fight for complex

By JOHN ROE
 Herald Special
 Billy Bishop is joining the battle to raise funds for Halton Hills' new Library-Theatre Arts Centre.
 The smash-hit revue of the famed World War I Canadian aviator's exploits - "Billy Bishop Goes to War" - has been booked by the Rotary Club for Nov. 14, 1981.
 "It's the closest date we could get to Remembrance Day," explained Ralph Urse, the Rotarian who has been investigating major attractions for the new centre to coincide with its opening, scheduled for this Fall.
 Mr. Urse said, with no decision announced by town council as to rental rates at the new 281-seat theatre, it is not yet known how much the group will have to charge to cover costs and raise sufficient funds.

task at this time is for all those interested in seeing a permanent theatre established, to come together and support the public fund-raising effort.
 The Georgetown Rotary Club has pledged to raise \$30,000.
 Georgetown Choral Society is expected to announce shortly the unique method it proposes to take in raising funds for the new Halton Hills Library-Theatre Arts Centre.
 Carolyn Simmons, chairperson of the special committee set up by the 55-member choir to examine fund-raising possibilities, said the intent would be to both raise funds and to create an awareness as to "just how much a part, the arts - in whatever form - play in our lives, with or without our recognizing it."
 The Society is a member of the Halton Hills Arts Council, which has pledged to raise \$20,000.

Halton Hills residents will be able to "get on the band."
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Thanks to the efforts of the town works crew, most of the murals for the construction site of the arts complex have been collected from the schools and mounted at the site. Bob Clark was one of the men who made handy with the hammer last week to get the finished products on display. All 19 schools in Halton Hills took part in the project, which was sponsored by local businesses, private individuals and groups.
 (Herald photo)

Innovations in educational system need controls, former teacher says

The following letter from a retiring GDHS teacher was submitted to The Herald for publication:
 Dear Colleague,
 For the past 19 years, I have served in a variety of educational positions in Georgetown. Since September, 1980, I have been a math teacher with no added responsibilities or allowances. That date is the real beginning of the Halton Re-organization, as until then allowances were still being paid to ex-office holders service enough to do extra work for extra pay without any

time off.
 Re-organization has been only one of the innovations which I have resisted over the years, to no avail. I have opposed, criticized or simply been sceptical about, the New Mathematics, the straight jacket of the Bell Curve, the individualized time-table, the credit system, the appeal to students' better nature, the semestered time-table and school dances. The only result I can in any way associate with this critical activity has been the resignation of one principal.

Such continues opposition to innovation may be ascribed to a senile view of the "Bad Old Days" as "Good Old Days", and could certainly be considered non-productive. My objections listed, however, has been that they have served administrative, commercial, or career interests rather than pedagogical ones, and that they have been engaged in headlong, rather than on an experimental and pragmatic basis. They have too often been ideologically directed by the Ministry or County authorities,

rather than spontaneously generated from the teacher-student interface.
 Innovation is the only growth industry in education now, and is going to be with you for some time. I hope it may be contained within reasonable and practical limits, and this will depend on the informed resistance it encounters. I must add that some of my best friends are innovators.
 In the 12 days left to me you may be assured of my intention to respond positively to something that "can never be a product of one person or even

a limited group of people..." something for which Halton County is famous.
 Yours sincerely,
 J.R. Bellamy

EDITOR'S NOTE:
 Contacted by The Herald, Georgetown District High School principal Mike Furlong commented only that he had been aware of Mr. Bellamy's opinions for some time. He said Mr. Bellamy had frequently spoken out at staff meetings on these and similar topics, but gained little support from the rest of the staff.

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