



TYKES RECREATE 'DAWN OF TIME' (Herald photo)

It takes a lot of paint to cover a jungle, kids participating in the Georgetown YMCA's Dinosaur Day found out last Wednesday. From left to right, Paul Tremaine, Justin Thompson, Emily Hamilton and Jamie Rutherford helped create a giant wall mural depicting the earth and few of its more unusual inhabitants of millions of years ago as part of a fun-filled day held at the Y's offices on Mountainview Road South. Other Y-sponsored activities which kept kids busy over the March-break week, included a mad-hatter's party, skating, games and even a little quiet reading.

No special meeting over Tory defeat

Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservatives aren't expected to hold a special general meeting before April 30 to discuss what went wrong during its recent election campaign.

"There will be no special meeting at this point," the area PC Association's Burlington director-at-large, Ted Meitz, told The Herald Monday night, adding that its annual general meeting "will be planned before too long".

According to the association's constitution, an annual meeting is supposed to be scheduled before April 30, but there had been some "serious discussion" among Tories dissatisfied with the Feb. 9 nomination of Fran Baines about holding a special meeting to review the campaign.

Narrowly missing victory by 518 votes in the March 19 election, Mrs. Baines indicated later that dissident Tory Brian Penman, who had charged that Mrs. Baines' supporters thwarted his bid for the riding's Conservative nomination, may have cost her much-needed votes.

Asked if the nomination meeting would be discussed at the annual meeting, Mr. Meitz said it's "liable to be, but I don't know for certain".

Much of the furor over the Tory nomination - whether or not recently recruited Penman supporters were deliberately left out of the voting by advancing the date of the nomination meeting - has "died down", he added.

Under the association's constitution, voting delegates must be registered 14 days before the nomination meeting. After the election was

called Feb. 2 the meeting originally planned for Feb. 24 was moved ahead to Feb. 9, disqualifying a number of new delegates recruited by Mr. Penman.

"I think you learn from these things," Mr. Meitz said. "It was a very unfortunate circumstance, but it's all water under the bridge." Concerned that some party members charged he had taken sides in the dispute, Mr. Meitz stressed that was "not anti-Baines and not anti-Penman".

Co-operating with both candidates during the nomination as the credentials chairman checking association memberships, Mr. Meitz said his position did not allow him to be biased.

About the Hills

Centennial's rockin'

Centennial Middle School students will be spending a fair amount of free time this weekend "rockin' and rollin'" to a slightly different tune. In order to raise funds for the senior class graduation in June, students will be participating in a 24-hour "rocking chair-athon" starting at 5 p.m. Friday and continuing throughout the next day. Lunch and breakfast is being supplied for the participants, and students will also operate a small store providing fruit, coffee and donuts. Money raised from the unusual marathon will purchase ribbons and other awards as well as subsidize other student related activities.

Pipe band goodies

The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band is offering "lots of delectable goodies and interesting novelties suitable for gifts" at its annual Bake and Gift Sale this Saturday in Georgetown's Zellers outlet between 9:30 a.m. and noon. You're invited to visit the booth as early as possible and get your Easter shopping done.

Incorrect address

A Halton Hills Fire Department report concerning a Rexway Drive fire March 24 gave the incorrect address and was reported as such in The Herald's Weekend Extra Friday. The fire occurred at 167 Rexway, not 169 as reported. The error appears to have stemmed from the fact that the firefighters were summoned from the phone at 169 Rexway. The Herald regrets any embarrassment caused for either homeowner.



ST. JOHN'S ARTIST

Melanie Luciani, age 3, was a participant in Halton Hills Nursery School open house Monday night. The school has two and three-day programs for children ages three to five in St. John's United Church.

Ricky aids Kin CF fight project

Despite some unforeseen difficulties, an Acton high school student launched a unique project at Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital last week aimed at boosting public awareness about cystic fibrosis (CF) and helping local Kinsmen raise funds to fight the disease.

Local Kinsman and Acton High School teacher Bill Taylor suggested that 17-



RICKY THIEL

year old Ulricke ("Ricky") Thiel visit Sick Kid's Hospital and experience the day-to-day lifestyle of a CF patient. Photographs taken of Ricky will help the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown promote public awareness of CF and raise funds for community projects.

Ricky told The Herald, though, that "everything that day went wrong".

Last Wednesday night's revelation about the murder of a baby at the hospital prompted a ban on reporters and photographers at the hospital Thursday.

Ricky was refused access to machines used for testing the lungs of CF patients because the medical staff feared she could develop lung disease. Also, the CF patient whom Ricky was to have observed using the machines failed to appear.

Ricky said she feels she is



participating in a worthwhile project.

"The Kinsmen have done a lot for CF patients," she said. "They funded a research wing at Sick Kid's, and once a year they hold a local dance-a-thon to raise money."

"I felt so sorry for the kids at the hospital. They were there with ordinary colds or flu. With CF, everything is worse."

Ricky plans to continue the project at a future time. "I'm not sure when that will be, but I hope it will be soon," she said. Her brother will take photographs of her using simulated "drugs" and equipment in her own home.

"I'll use bits of carrots and celery sticks for the pills, and drink water in place of the liquid medication," she explained.

Ricky will also use the mask, back massager and other aspects of the kit a CF person uses as part of their daily treatment program. She hopes in that way to provide the Kinsmen with an adequate slide presentation.

Ricky will make another attempt to pose as a cystic fibrosis patient as soon as the equipment is made available to her.

Vandals make the rounds

There has been a rash of vandalism over the past week in the Halton Hills area, including damage to the Legion hall in Acton, Georgetown's Cedarvale Community Centre and the Acton Free Press.

The Cedarvale Community Centre was broken into and vandalized last Wednesday. Police are unaware how the vandals entered the building, since there was no evidence of a broken door or window outside the building. All of the doors locked inside the centre

were kicked open, and the contents of the rooms scattered about, although nothing was stolen.

The Royal Canadian Legion hall (Branch 197) in Acton had a window broken at the rear of the building, last Wednesday. A small quantity of liquor and cash was taken and damages exceeded \$100.

The Acton Free Press was broken into Saturday night, when vandals broke the glass on both the front and side doors. Although nothing was

stolen, all of the desk drawers in the office were searched and dumped.

Publisher Don McDonald believes that the vandals were searching for money. "Nothing was touched," he said, "not even the vending machines."

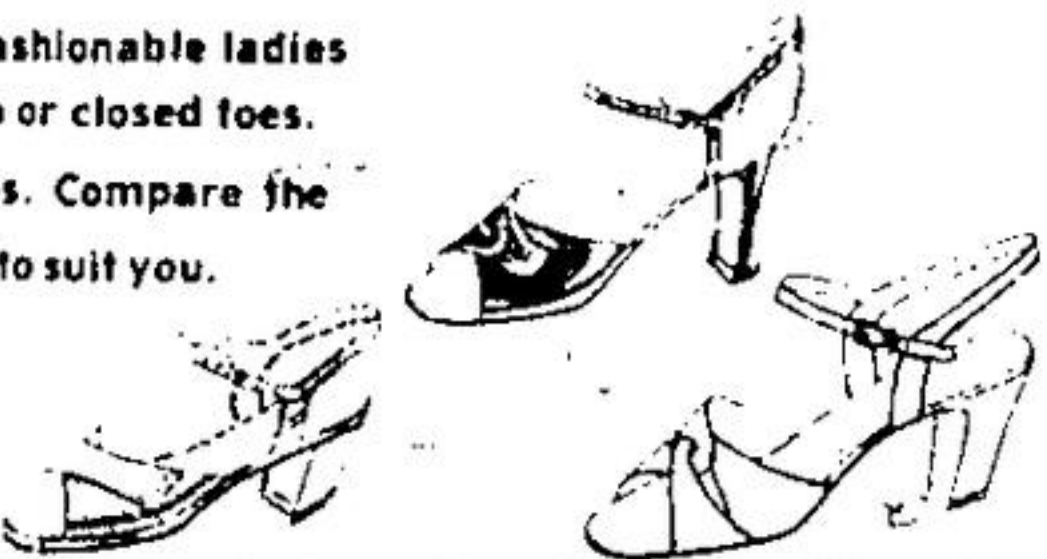
"We go in cycles," he added. "About once a year we get broken into - about the same time as the schools. There's not much the police can do about it. They didn't get any fingerprints."

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