

Carolyn Robson (above) can't imagine eating a dog. However, the Georgetown District High School student doesn't object to the practice currently being carried out In southeast Asian countries where dog meat is considered a delicacy. She, along with classmates in Judith Rossman's Grade 10 English class, is protesting against the inhumane way in which dogs in these countries are taken to market for human consumption. The students made posters last week and are manning a booth at lunch time to tell other students about the cruelty. Nick Parker (right) holds a poeter he made with the help of Mark Webster and Conor



GDHS students join dog treatment outcry

Georgetown District High School students weren't able to resist graphically presented pleas by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) when they saw recent photos of dogs in pain.

Judith Rossman's Grade 10 English class began a campalgn last week to enturate their school with information about dogs being tortured in

southeast Asian countries. "There are so many complaints about kids not getting involved in anything worthwhile that I thought we shouldn't let this chance go

by," Miss Rossman said.
One of the girls in the class belongs to IFAW and brought in the appeal letter she had

recalled in

Herald Special Murals showing the historic

manner of handling leather materials were painted on walls of various departments

at Beardmore Tannery this summer in a bid to brighten up

New lighting, fresh paint and

the giant-sized graphics of workmen handling leather in old-fashioned ways are an

attempt to improve the gener-

al atmosphere in the plant by giving employees a sense of

Other Industries which have tried the idea find an increase

In employee productivity, a drop in employee turnover and

improved employee attitudes

to their job, said company public relations officer Donald

The company hired three

Sheridan College art students

in July and the present work

was completed by mid-

September. It was a challenge

for the students who had to

choose their own colors and designs, Mr. Rankin sald, and everyone is pleased with the

The company wanted to put

murals in every department

but so far only part of the work

is complete. A second phase

may be tackled next summer

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received from the organization explaining the cruel manner in which dogs are being treated when taken to Asian markets for sale as

The letter asks for financial support to allow the organization to physically rescue dogs from the marketplaces, buy vehicles. radios, tents, medical kits, food and tropical clothing and send in veterinarians. The organization also seeks people willing to adopt the dogs they rescue.

Photographs included with the appeal letter show live dogs with their front legs tied over their backs, and tin cans with jagged pointed edges

muzzling their mouths. lo Tannery history

Beardmore mural

this pose, prospective buyers can see how meaty the animal is.

Dog meat is considered a delicacy in Asian countries and people sell their pets at the market.

"They're being tortured because these countries can't afford to refrigerate meat, and keep the animals alive this way to save money," Mis Rossman said.

Students in the class sald they aren't upset that dogs are being killed for food, just that the manner in which they were being made to

Students have made posters which they've put up around the school to inform their peers about the situation. They've also been doing creative writing, preparing announcements that will be heard over the school's public address system. Miss Rossman plans to have them write a descriptive article based on the IFAW pictures.

"I have a dog at home. I couldn't imagine anything like that happening to him," student Carolyn Robson sald.

About the Hills

Garbage day moves for now

Town residents who normally see their household garbage collected Fridays are advised of a slight change in schedule for the Christmas holiday. Garbage will be collected Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 because Christmas Day and New Year's fall on Fridays. Meanwhile, the town has endorsed a regional bylaw restricting the amount of newsprint transported to Oakville's garbage dump. Under recently passed regional legislation, residents are legally required to separate their newsprint from the household trash, setting it aside for collection on regular garbage days. Cans and bottles may also be collected separately within the town's urban areas.

Monthly fire tally

September and October fire calls in Georgetown were down over the same period last year, but they increased in Acton. Georgetown firefighters responded to 170 alarms in September compared to 186 calls in September, 1980. There were 187 calls in October in the community, about 13 less than last year's figure for that month. September calls in Acton this year (84) were up by three and there were four more calls in October than in the same month last year. Fires, by the end of October, caused \$263,788 in damage.

City protests postal rates

The borough of East York's municipal council is upset about increased postal rates slated to take effect in January. In a resolution circulated to all Ontario municipalities with populations over 10,000 (and received and filed by Halton Hills council), East York said it supports a similar protest already launched by the city of Chatham and called on MPa to object to the Post Office's plans to boost the price of a stamp to from 17 to 30 cents.

PC youth association

Perhaps a future MPP will be among the young Progressive Conservatives meeting at the Laurier Avenue Community Room in Milton this Saturday, to establish the Halton-Burlington chapter of the PC Youth Association. Says chief Ontario PC youth organizer David Angus, "We're the only party with a full-time youth organizer, and a regular recruitment plan. We're always on the lookout; if we see bright stars, we like to encourage them."

Membership is open to PCs in the 14 to 30 age bracket from Milton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Esquesing, Acton, Nassagaweya, and Burlington. Among the guests at the 2:00 p.m. founding meeting will be Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, Halton-Burlington PC Association President Jack Belleghem, and Past-President Fran Baines.

Parkette protest

A proposal to turn one corner of Acton's Mill and Main Streets intersection into a parkette as described in the Acton Core Area Study has upset George Hubmann, owner of The Donut Shop, the property presumed most suitable for the idea. In a letter to the town's planning department, Mr. Hubmann said the town has made no firm committment to purchase the land and, in fact, he may have redevelopment plans of his own. Consultants have advised the town to purchase the land as the first phase of the business improvement area's redevelopment, or within the next five

Under new management

The Rib Cage on Highway 7 in Georgetown's south end will boast a major Canadian entertainment attraction at its grand re-opening tomorrow (Thursday) night. Pop rock singer Ron Negrini will make the trip down from Toronto for a special performance at the reopening, which will also see local dignitaries including MPP Julian Reed gather to sample the restaurant-tavern's fare. New management at the Georgetown franchise is long-time resident Nancy

Procedure school at Region

Although the idea was opposed by the finance and administration committee two weeks ago, a proposed seminar on parliamentary procedure was approved by regional council last week. Noting that some of the ways in which council deals with its order of business each week differ from the parliamentary "bible", Robert's Rules of Procedure, Milton Coun. Bill Johnson suggested that a specialist should conduct a procedure seminar attended by at least 12 councillors and the regional chairman.

Crop damage survey

The Halton Federation of Agriculture has prepared a special questionnaire designed to help assess the amount of damage farmers and nursery owners incur after deer, geeso and raccoons have raided their fields or shrubs. The questionnaire lists what crops and how many acres are affected. When the final draft is circulated to farmers shortly, it will also include room to list damage caused by other animats, notably coyotes.

John's still around

Ward 3 Coun. John McDonald hopes his Georgetown constituents haven't gotten the wrong impression about his whereabouts these days. Apparently some Herald readers took our recent mention of his new job responsibilities one step too far and believe he has moved away from Halton Hills. The Herald had reported Coun. McDonald's explanation about why he was leaving his music group, the Dolly Varden Revue, noting that new job responsibilities at

the Benson and Hedges plant in New Delhi, Ontario, would be occupying more of his time. Counc. McDonald assures us, however, that not only is he still living in Halton Hills and meeting his obligations as a municipal official, he is still spending most of his work hours at the same Bramalea office of Benson and Hedges. The New Delhi chores require only an occasional visit. Ward 3 residents and other people wishing to contact him can call the Bramalen plant at 451-7570 or his home at 877-8943.

RDOP forum Saturday

Farmers are preparing for the annual Rural Development Outreach Program (RDOP) farm forum at Milton's Centennial Manor Saturday. The forums are beld to discuss issues affecting rural residents, whether or not they are involved with farming. Following an introduction, participants usually split into groups to discuss some of the major concerns in the rural area, among them the loss of farmland, environmental issues and the need for more dialogue between farm and non-farm interests. There will also be a discussion about the region's "rural cluster" problems - property development in small, cross-roads settlements. The forum is scheduled to begin in the Manor's auditorium at 10 a.m.

Town donates trophy

Amid a warning from town clerk administrator Ken Richardson that they shouldn't make it a precedent, town council Monday night agreed to give the Georgetown Minor. Hockey Support Group \$25 to purchase a "keeper" trophy for the winning team in the upcoming midget tournament Jan. 10 at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown. The tourney is in its 16th year.

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December has been a busy Sunday also at the Royal time for the Georgetown York. As was ecpected, this was a great learning exper-The Past President's ience, giving us all a better Luncheon was held in Nov- Insight into helping others at

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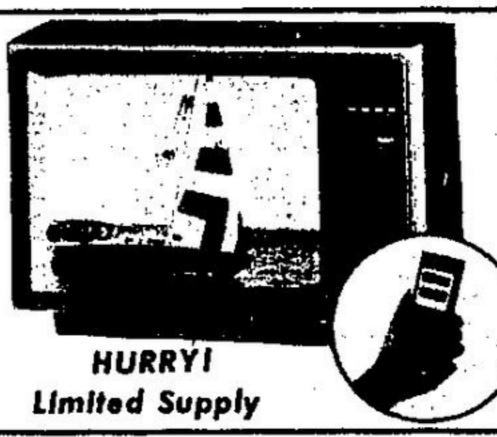
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