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Cemetery issue may go to OMB

Croatian plan too large - mayor

By CHRIS AAGAARD
 Herald Staff Writer
 For the second time in three years, councillors have rejected a major proposal for the Croatian cultural and recreation centre south of Norval this one aiming to establish an 8.8-acre cemetery.

While Croatian representatives have yet to decide whether or not they will appeal council's Tuesday night decision before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), they will likely appeal a suggestion Mayor Pete Pomeroy is expected to bring before council next week before making their next move.

Most general committee members concurred with Mayor Pomeroy that, although the Esquing official plan allows cemeteries in the rural area, it likely does not envision one as large as the Croatian proposal. Within the nine-acre site, the project calls for 2,000 plots which would be available to non-Croatians as well.

Mayor Pomeroy did not say what proposal he will bring to council next Monday night, but he suggested during the general committee meeting that the centre's representatives should submit a complete scheme for the property's 160 acres under the provisions of the town's site plan control bylaw. Site plan control would give the municipality some authority in the future design of the centre.

Similar concerns about the amount of municipal control over the site were raised in May, 1979, when council rejected the Croatian centre's bid to build a \$1 million complex on the property located on the northwest corner of Sideroad 5 and Winston Churchill Boulevard. In a 7-5 vote, council determined that the complex was not compatible with the peaceful, surrounding rural area.

Mr. Whiteacre reminded committee members that the cemetery would be the first and, as yet, only one in Canada and that 2,000 Toronto-area Croatian families had signed a petition attesting to their desire to have the cemetery established at the Norval site.

Smaller in size, the cemetery proposal has attracted just as much attention from neighboring residents, mostly farmers concerned about the cemetery's effects on nearby agricultural operations. Halton's regional planning department and its agricultural advisory committee have opposed the cemetery bid because of the farm concerns and add that good farmland will be taken out of production if the proposal is eventually approved.

In what Croatian centre lawyer William Whiteacre described as a "conciliatory approach", the centre's representatives have proposed a number of solutions to the farm issues following a consultant's study commissioned to determine the impact the cemetery would have on neighboring farm operations.

Conducted by Bird and Hale Ltd. of Toronto, the study proposed digging a ditch along the western boundary of the cemetery site which abuts a neighboring farm. The ditch would catch herbicides which might be harmful to plant life on the cemetery property, a matter raised by farmers during a public meeting last year.

In addition, the ditch would be lined by a five-row deep stretch of coniferous trees which would filter most of the airborne herbicide sprays. Mr. Whiteacre said his clients would also sign an agreement with farmers bordering the cemetery protecting them from court action if herbicides used during the normal farm operations cause problems in the cemetery.

The Croatian centre is ready to enter into a long-term lease agreement with anyone to keep 100 acres in active agricultural production, the study states.

"We've gone a long way towards compromise with the cemetery neighbors," Mr. Whiteacre said. "If we are looking for a conciliatory approach, here it is."

He repeated statements he made in January refuting other issues about the cemetery proposal which have troubled farmers and the planning department. Funeral processions

are unlikely to block roads adjacent to the centre. Mr. Whiteacre said, because processions aren't allowed on the Highway 401, the major route likely to be taken from Croatian Churches.

official plan... and I've had to decide if those policies still apply to the area in 1982." He added that council would be making a "terrible mistake" if it did not deal with the centre's future as an "entire package" subject to site plan control. He suggested that council might be prepared to consider another application if the proper municipal controls were built into the new proposal.



The Halton Hills Arts Council wrapped up its 1981-82 season last Wednesday night with a performance by the London (Ontario) Sinfonia, featuring classical guitarist Norbert Kraft, at the John Elliott Theatre. Sinfonia is a trimmed-down orchestra and the slightly lower volume smoothly accompanied Mr. Kraft's

Classical guitarist creates awe in joint concert with Sinfonia

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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 There was little the audience could do but stare in

awe; Norbert Kraft, his fluid left hand weaving around the neck of his guitar, had music lovers entranced, swept away to the Andes somewhere last Wednesday night, as he played Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" for guitar and orchestra.

Mr. Kraft is a discovery of the 1979 CBC Talent Festival Competition and he has since been featured as one of the "new faces" to look out for in the international music periodical "Musical America". His "de Aranjuez" performance at the John Elliott Theatre where he joined the London (Canada) Sinfonia, capped off another successful Musical Trilight season for the Halton Hills Arts Council.

Twenty-six is not a large number for an orchestra, but the Sinfonia's performance was by no means, pint-sized. It began the performance with Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" overture and wrapped it up with Beethoven's First Symphony in C Major. While there were some rough moments early in the concert where the performance lost its snap, Sinfonia more than

made up for earlier flaws during a rousing second half of the concert.

Also included on the evening's program were selections from Chabrier's "Suite Pastorale" and Adaskin's "Serenade Concertante".

Mr. Kraft's performance captured the haunting, breathtaking movements of the piece. Reaching with his hands back into time, he brought Rodrigo's music to life and sent the audience on an awesome voyage down cool, shadowy valleys and up again towards snow-capped peaks.

As central to the piece as he was, Mr. Kraft's virtuosity would have been lost without the professional support of Sinfonia. Throughout "de Aranjuez", the orchestra executed perfect climaxes which followed the long, mournful guitar pieces: Everyone performed as if it was their favorite classical selection and the audience had only to sit back and enjoy.

Tickets for the 1982-83 Musical Trilight series are already on sale, and are going quickly. The season begins Sept. 29 with Felix Possack, a master of dulcimer, banjo and autoharp. Tickets for the series are \$20 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens and students. For information, call 877-4607; Acton residents can call 853-2389.

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His performance was no joke, however. The "Concierto de Aranjuez" is what we might call today, a soulful piece. Woven into Rodrigo's score are centuries of Andean culture distinguishing it from other European masterpieces.

Two weeks ago, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid demanded that the

federal housing ministry provide a loan for Mr. Rogers who was forced to find alternative financing for his home after a private source from which he had previously borrowed needed money. An insulation contractor himself, he said he never received compensation from the federal government when it outlawed UFFI and maintains the insulation is harmless if installed properly.

Bank loan resolving man's UFFI problems

With urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI) throughout his house, Norval resident Jim Rogers was making news in Parliament recently because he was finding it virtually impossible to get a mortgage for his home. However, he told The Herald last week that a Georgetown bank has come to his rescue and his problems with the house may soon be over.

The fact that he used UFFI in his home brought its market value down almost \$20,000, now that the federal government, which prior to December, 1980, supported UFFI programs, has condemned the substance because of possible dangers to health.

Two weeks ago, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid demanded that the

ing police in provincial court. The offence occurred last Oct. 15 on Garden Street. Crown evidence indicated Mr. Coffey saw Const. Robert Smith arresting a man, and began to harass him. Mr. Smith warned the accus-

ed not to interfere, the court was told, but he returned to the scene minutes later and began to shout at the officer.

When Mr. Coffey and the man under arrest began fighting with Const. Smith, other police officers arrived on the scene to assist. Both men were subdued and taken to the cells at the police station.

Agencies in gather

Helping mark Volunteer Week, some 20 volunteer social and health agencies from north Halton will gather at Halton Centennial Manor next Tuesday (April 20) for a four-hour "Agency Fair". Officials of the agencies will assemble in the auditorium at 10 a.m. to compare notes on the need for volunteers and their many uses. Lunch, available for \$4, will be served at 12:30, followed by an address from Cindy LeBrocq, a long-time community worker who currently writes for the Oakville Beaver. For more information, call the North Halton Volunteer Agency at 877-3219.

The Crown pointed out that Mr. Coffey had an extensive criminal record involving break-ins, trafficking in narcotics, theft, public mischief and failing to appear in court.

"Apparently you have no regard for the law," Judge H.R. Howitt told the accused. "There should be a term of imprisonment to deter you and others" from this type of activity.



Back from the far north, where they spent a week among Inuit settlers of the Great Whale River, Georgetown District High School students are now ready to host the same Inuit young people they met while on their recent exchange visit. Awaiting their own visitors this Friday are Jane Cartwright, Jane Timbeck, Doug Isaac, Heather Reed, Tyis Millenar, Heather Hollinger, Teresa Mastach, Barb Haskins, Tim Wrenny, Simon Oldaker, Tim Jennings, Heather Moens, John Van Gogh, Susan Boyles and staff supervisor Bill O'Reilly. (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

GDHS students return from north

Tasting caribou meat all part of adventure

By ANI PEDERIAN
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 There was a song dedicated to the 15 Georgetown District High School (GDHS) students and their teacher leaving Great Whale River Monday morning to come home. "I don't like Mondays" by the Irish rock group Boomtown Rats was played in their honor on the Inuit radio station.

Called "the white girl" in Inuit, Barb was fed raw and cooked caribou meat, bannock (a type of fried bread) and clams. She said she also ate frozen pizza, chicken and pork shops.

"They drink cold tea," Barb exclaimed. "They don't even heat the water. They just put the tea bag in cold water. It's gross. I couldn't drink it."

The Georgetown group left March 29 for a week's visit to the town of 1,200 in northern Quebec bordering Hudson's Bay. Staying at the homes of Inuit peers, the students gained insights into the Inuit lifestyle. The students at whose homes the Georgetown youth stayed will be reciprocating the visit, arriving April 16 for a week in Georgetown.

"Everyone was crying and didn't want to go home," Barb Haskins, 15, of McNabb Street said. "Everyone loved it there."

She said most Inuit aren't very emotionally expressive and shook hands to welcome them into their homes, and to say goodbye when they were leaving.

About the Hills

Shot shatters rear window

Gunshots broke the rear window of a 1977 Lincoln driving on Acton's Tyler Avenue near Elmore Drive, Saturday before midnight. Nobody was hurt although there were two passengers in the back seat of the moving vehicle. Halton regional police were called after a subsequent investigation by the victim and two passengers led them to a residence in the area. Juveniles are being questioned by police and are believed responsible for the incident.

Wreckers ransacked

About 90 car batteries and 50 scrap radiators of various makes were stolen from Watson's Auto Wreckers on the Sixth Line over the weekend. Halton regional police said it appears a pick-up truck was used in the \$450 heist because of tire impressions left at the site. Police are investigating.

Major work is topic

A film on the creation of "The Dinner Party", artist Judy Chicago's multi-media tribute to women, will be screened at the Georgetown Public Library May 10 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Chicago's work, which took a number of years to complete, has been described as a "symbolic history of women's achievements." The Dinner Party is a mammoth table set for 39 female historical figures, and features ceramics and intricate needlework. Tickets at \$1 each may be obtained in advance at the Acton and Georgetown Public Libraries.

Rollerskate for CF

The Peel County chapter of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hopes Halton Hills residents will help it fight the children's disease by enjoying a roller skate-athon May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Skate Country, 291 Rutherford Rd. South, in Brampton. Admission is free and skates are available for rent at the centre, so gather pledges and skate the hours away for a good cause. The Foundation then wants to thank participants with a special dance June 4, featuring prizes and a live band. For further information, call Claire Goullie at 457-3754.

Erin crafts and auction

An admission price of only 50 cents gets you into a fun-filled craft show and auction being sponsored May 1 and 2 by the Optimist Club of Erin. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. event go to area youth activities. Live entertainment, refreshments and a professional auctioneer all combine to guarantee a worthwhile time at the Erin Community Centre. Call (519)833-2080 or 2185 for more information.

Wen do for women

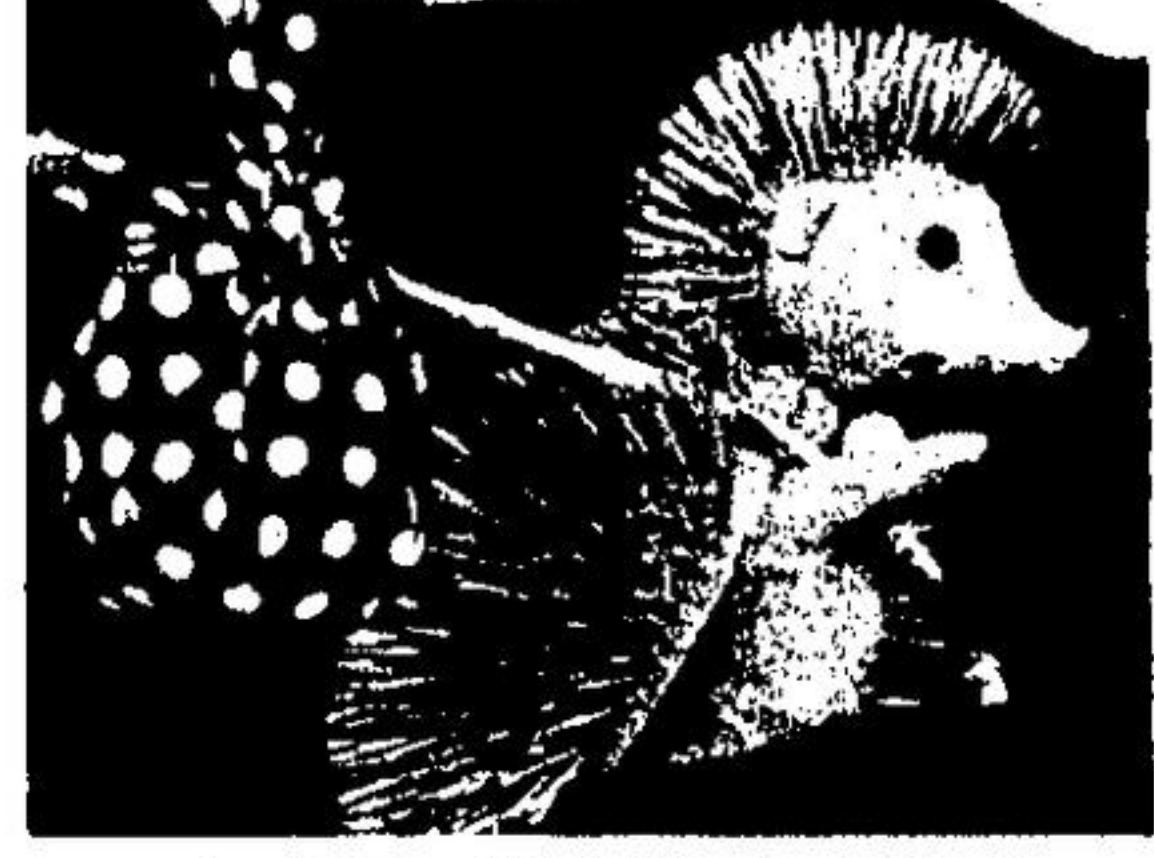
The Georgetown Y is pleased to offer the Wen Do Self Defence program for Women beginning April 22 at Joseph Gibbons School from 7 to 9 p.m. Wen Do is a six-week self defence program that has been derived from the martial arts. Wen Do includes physical techniques, moral support, awareness and reaction to attacks. The program teaches the individual to effectively deal with harassment and physical attacks and was developed in Toronto in 1972 and taught throughout Canada and the United States. The Y still has a few openings left in its Wen Do program. It is important to pre-register at the Georgetown Y at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. For further information, call 877-6163.

Quilter's annual

The Halton Quilter's Guild holds its fourth annual quilt show May 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 9 from noon to 5 at Trafalgar Hall, located at the corner of Trafalgar Road and Highway 5 in north Oakville. Admission is \$1. For more information, phone Mrs. Jackie Tidy at 827-8057, or write her at 2141 Sunnybrook Ave., Oakville, L6L 1P3.

'Kids and Art'

Jane Fleetwood-Morrow, an education officer with the Art Gallery of Ontario currently working in the elementary education department, will discuss "Kids and Art" April 17 at 10:30 a.m. Her lecture is designed for both parents and teachers who are interested in introducing young children to the world of art. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of attitudes towards art appreciation and appropriate projects and techniques will be discussed. Examples will be cited from the elementary education department of the Art Gallery of Ontario.



SUNDAY SELL-OUT

Local theatre patrons who were lucky enough last fall to get tickets for this weekend's "Super Sundays" twin performances are looking forward to meeting "The Little Blue Hedgehog" this Sunday at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. In the final presentation of the trio of children's shows sponsored by the University Women's Club of Georgetown, the Toronto-based Lampon Puppettheatre tells the tale of a forlorn young hedgehog who determines to find new adventures by packing his bag and setting off into the forest, with only a friendly cloud as his companion.

(Photo submitted)