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LA BELLE CHANTEUSE

French-Canadian recording star Renee Martel delighted more than 100 members and friends of Georgetown's Sacre Coeur parish Saturday night when she entertained at Club Troubadour inside the church hall. The bilingual chanteuse leaves her Montreal home perennially to tour Quebec and parts of the U.S. Singing since she was a

five-year old sitting on father Marcel Martel's lap, Renee recorded her first album at age 15 and scored a substantial hit with her song "Liverpool". See also page A9

(Herald photo by Harald Braasch)

Councillors take flak from restoration fans

Town hall drop-in becomes lion's den

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer
Councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and Russ Miller might have been more comfortable about supporting the project.

Mrs. Duby and Actario chairman Ted Tyler charged that community apathy did not defeat the town hall project, but that council's "stumbling blocks" have been discouraging.

Nevertheless, the committees have jointly consulted a local lawyer to see if there are legal arguments to save the building and another presentation before council is expected shortly.

"Don't say there was apathy," Mrs. Duby said, "because there wasn't any. Our groups were talking against a stone wall."

Coun. Russ Miller told the drop-in participants that even if the town sold the building to the committees, he doubted they would be able to preserve the structure and he remained unconvinced that a majority of Acton residents want to see the building restored anyway.

"You'll fall flat on your face," he said. "You're gaining a building you can't restore."

He warned people not to draw comparisons between the town's library-cultural centre in Georgetown and the restoration of the town hall, noting that there was plenty of support from Georgetown groups before the town committed itself to centre project. However, he said, while some people in Acton "have screamed to save the town hall" they have not financially contributed to restoration fund.

Leathertown Association chairman Chip Petrillo asked whether it was good planning to lose a historical building for a few parking spots and he called on the town to give the Actario and restoration committees an opportunity to save the building.

Mr. Tyler argued that Acton's downtown core is

losing business and that it needs an attraction—one which might be provided if the town hall was restored. He repeated arguments raised previously that the town's and region's office problems in the municipality, gathering all municipal services under one roof.

"Our stores are closing—we need help," Mr. Tyler said. "The town hall would help. If we fall flat on our face, it won't cost the town five cents more to tear that building down."

Without something which recalls Acton's heritage, he said, Acton is in danger of becoming a "bedroom community" whose residents are unconcerned about their roots.



TOOT!

Grade 4 students from George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown visited toddlers at the YMCA's "Kiddies Corner" pre-school Wednesday and brought along a little musical entertainment. The students, under David Shrubsole's charge play recorders and like Jimmy English, shown here with two and a half-year old Nicholas Helse, gave hands-on demonstrations to their younger counterparts. A featured guest at the event was one of Mr. Shrubsole's goats which he has raised along with several others on a nearby farm.

(Herald photo)

Four months for drug trafficker

Double rape near Norval

Halton regional police are looking for a dark blue or black sports style car similar to a Mustang II in connection with the rape of a 17-year old Brampton girl.

The Central Peel High School student had been in Georgetown to visit friends last Tuesday. While walking back to Brampton on the south shoulder of Highway 7 across from the trailer park, near Norval, the girl was grabbed and forced into a car by two men.

The men drove the girl to a laneway running east off Winston Churchill Boulevard, north of Highway 7, where they each raped her. The incident took place between 2 and 4:30 p.m.

One of the men has been described by police as white, approximately five feet eleven inches tall, with brown hair parted in the middle, and 21 to 24 years old.

The second man is white, six feet tall with slight acne on his upper cheeks, and is believed to be 27 to 29 years old, say police.

After the rape, the young woman was driven to the Highway 7 and Highway 10 intersection in Brampton where she was released. The suspects then went north on Highway 10.

The girl was examined at Peel Memorial Hospital upon reporting the rape to Peel regional police. Halton police are investigating the incident.

The car has been described as a two-door vehicle with a reverse air scoop on the hood. The year is unknown. It has a floor style (console) gear shift with dark blue or black interior and vinyl seats. The rear of the car is slightly raised.

The Criminal Investigations Bureau would appreciate the help of the public if the suspects or their vehicle were observed. Please contact police at 878-5511, extension 292 or 294.

A Georgetown man was sentenced to four months in jail Thursday by County Court Judge Thomas A. Quinlan.

Mastine not guilty -page A3

Larry Gordon Mercer, 22, was found guilty of possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking by a 12-member jury which convened April 26 and 27.

Mr. Mercer was charged last August by Oakville RCMP following surveillance. One pound of marijuana with a street value estimated by police at approximately \$800 was found in his possession.

Fairgrounds fireworks fogged, but 10,000 attend Bang-o-rama

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One of the more dramatic Bang-o-rama events Monday was the horsemanship and the various entries and classes in it. Here, a couple of fellows try some real rip-roarin' hot-doggin' as the one with the helmet tries to join the rider while the horse is in full gallop. Horse events began in the morning and continued throughout the day.

Cloudy skies and spots of rain Monday developed into thick and heavy fog, spoiling the special \$4,500 fireworks display that is the highlight of the annual Bang-o-rama.

"The fog came rolling in, or the ceiling dropped on us," said Bruce Totten, president of the sponsoring Optimist Club.

About seven ground shots went off well, but the aerial fireworks were lost in the thick blanket of fog, managing only to give the sky a colorful glow as they exploded.

Mr. Totten blamed the dampness for keeping a lot of the smoke from the fireworks in the air; the smoke threw another curtain on the aerial shots.

Sponsored by the Georgetown Optimist Club, Bang-o-rama offered Halton Hills residents a variety of entertainment at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. An estimated 10,000

people turned up to take part in the events, a drop from the anticipated 12,000. Mr. Totten said the gloomy weather kept some people away.

Funds raised at the gate, concessions and refreshment stands will be used for the club's various community projects.

While the park entrance was turned into a mini-CNE by Fairmount Amusements, another end of the park offered individual garage sales strung together, selling used items and even home made green pepper jelly.

Activities for children included track and field competitions, a bike decorating contest and an art contest.

And a Bang-o-rama horsemanship featured some of the town's best riders and trotters.

Full results from all Bang-o-rama competitions were not available at preatime.

Charges pending in two-car collision

Three people were taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital Monday night with injuries following a two-car crash on Highway 7, just east of Halton Hills at the north junction of Halton Road 3.

Driver Johannes Mostaard of RRI George-

town was treated for back pain and released. Driver Lynn Christie of RRI Acton was treated for abrasions on the forehead, and passenger Ron Skiffington of Mason Boulevard in Acton was treated for lacerations and neck pain.

The two drivers were eastbound on Highway 7 when the second driver, due to inattentiveness drove into the rear of the first vehicle, OPP report.

There was \$1,800 damage to the two cars and charges are pending.



SIXTY-KARAT OCCASION

Friends and relatives gathered in Georgetown's Oddfellows Hall Saturday to honor David and Mary Hurren, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The diamond celebration was also commemorated by local dignitaries.

(Herald photo)