

Terry Fox story being filmed here this week

# It's movie time again, folks!

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It's happened again. Sleepy, unassuming, little Georgetown has been selected for the filming of key sequences for a major motion picture, this one a tribute to one of Canada's best-known heroes and one of Halton Hills' most prestigious visitors - Terry Fox.

Film crews from Toronto will shoot running sequences and one dialogue scene tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday at five different locations in Georgetown and Norval for the \$2.3 million feature being financed by the U.S. company HBO (Home Box Office) and Canada's CTV network. Producer Robert Cooper has yet to decide on a title; it may be "Terry Fox - The Movie", simply "Terry" or possibly even "Road to Thunder Bay".

What he has decided on is the film's stars, headed by American film superstar Robert Duvall, who had the title role in Oscar nominee "The Great Santini" and played major roles in "The Godfather" and "Apocalypse Now". He'll likely be the only American actor in the film and will portray a character based on Bill Vickers, the Canadian Cancer Society volunteer who joined Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope in Quebec and became the runner's chief advance and publicity man.

Also featured in the movie will be Chris Makepeace, the teenage star of "Meatballs", who'll play Terry's brother Darrel, and Toronto actor Michael Zelniker, who'll portray Terry's long-time friend and constant companion on the Marathon, Doug Alward. Expected to steal the show, however, is Eric Fryer, a 21-year-old athlete and cancer victim from Scarborough select-

ed from among hundreds of candidates who attended auditions held coast-to-coast. A rookie at acting, his own experiences with cancer and amputation and his personal perception of Terry Fox and the Marathon are enough to convince the moviemakers that he's a sure winner in the role. Directing the feature, billed as the first movie made for Pay Television (although cinema release is likely in Canada and

Europe), is Ralph Thomas, who earned critical raves as well as an Oscar for last year's film about the followers of Rev. Sun Yung Moon entitled "Ticket to Heaven". Director of photography is another Oscar nominee, Richard Chupka, who shot "Atlantic City" last year starring Burt Lancaster and Susan Sarandon. Unit location manager



Halton Hills' vision of Terry Fox, making his painstaking but courageous way across Canada and crossing town along Highway 7, will be re-enacted for a feature film about the young runner from B.C. when a Canadian-American production crew sets up at five locations around town tomorrow and Friday. The as-yet-untilled movie, expected to be released next spring, stars Robert Duvall as a Cancer Society worker and features a young athlete-amputee from Scarborough in the main role. (Herald file photo)

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## ABOUT THE HILLS

### Morris dancers on tour

Visitors to Terra Cotta Sunday got an entertaining preview of tomorrow's (Thursday's) area tour by the Ontario Travelling Morris, a contingent of about 35 Morris dancers representing several different teams of male dancers from southern Ontario and the U.S. Sunday's show, held right at roadside opposite the Forge Studio Gallery (because the nearby parkette lawn was too slippery), saw a half dozen female dancers demonstrating the ancient English ritual dance for the charmed and attentive audience. Look for their male counterparts in mostly white garb tomorrow in Glen Williams, Terra Cotta, Erin, Belfountain and Georgetown.

### Meeting in 'Comfort'

The "Vote Yes for Disarmament" group will meet next Tuesday (Aug. 31) at the home of Eldon Comfort on Sideroad 17 just west of Highway 25, "the only mailbox in Halton Hills with Comfort on it". All are welcome. You can help the cause in many small ways: sell buttons, man our booth at the fall fairs, deliver posters, inform your church or club and so on. For information, call Janet Duval at 877-1994.

### GLT's return

You'll see Georgetown Little Theatre members reviving their popular roles as fortune tellers at the Georgetown fall fair Sept. 10, 11 and 12, but what patrons are really looking forward to is the first play of the 1982-83 season, Absurd Person Singular. Casting takes place next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, 34 Armstrong Ave. If you're unable to attend but would like to help mount the play, call director Ian Oldaker at 877-1581. The cast requires three men and three women of varying ages.

### Studying safety

Seventy young safety patrollers from Halton schools have joined 90 others from neighboring regions for the 18th annual Hamilton Automobile Club training course which runs through Friday at Ridley College in St. Catharines. Sponsored by the Halton Region Safety Council, our contingent and police safety officers Rod Beaumont, Larry Smith and John Wilson will cover school safety during the daytime and enjoy sports and entertainment each evening. The HAC has noted a lower accident rate since its program started, particularly during the first week of school.

## Tough town stance likely

# Gravel proposals concern mayor



## FABULOUS PARADE CAPS OFF FANTASTIC SUMMER

Halton Hills has more than its share of festive parades, but laying its claim to being the most visually exciting is the annual music, arts and drama parade that rolls down Acton's Mill Street each year to signal the end of another fun-filled town recreation department summer. The youngsters enrolled in the popular summer program

really show their stuff for the occasion, concocting fancy costumes and coming up with the most comical facial expressions you've ever seen. If you want proof, The Herald has a whole photo essay on page A2. (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

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Town council "will likely take a strong stand" in its appeal against the provincial government's new draft aggregate maps which designate up to 40 per cent of Halton Hills for gravel extraction, according to Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

While agreeing that the province should designate lands for future mineral extraction and prevent development there, the mayor said Monday he is "really concerned" about the tactics used, which he said duplicate those employed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) when it was established in 1973.

"There are two sets of rules here," Mayor Pomeroy told The Herald from Toronto, where he was attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) convention. "They virtually remove all private property rights and then won't even consider (extracting gravel from) their own land, such as the conservation areas and parks."

Toronto's Foundation for Aggregate Studies has condemned the draft extraction proposals as being excessive and says they contravene Ontario Cabinet policies allowing municipalities to plan for future land uses.

Land suggested for appropriation by the province stretches from Durham region east of Toronto to Niagara region and totals about a half million acres, the Foundation reported last week. Up to 50 per cent of some areas would be mined for gravel if the proposals are approved.

"I'm really concerned about this whole extraction scenario," Mayor Pomeroy commented. "I can understand, because the Niagara Escarpment runs through Halton Hills, that we have to make some commitment to the province's gravel needs, but what really concerns me is the way these documents have been drafted by civil servants. It's the same thing as

When the Niagara Escarpment Commission got started: the province wanted to protect its resources. So I checked back to that time and read in Hansard (the official record of Queen's Park legislative debate) how the minister told the members about the escarpment being a tremendous natural resource. The minister acknowledged that the land mass in question was far too big for the province to buy from private owners, so a land use freeze was imposed on the areas eventually relegated to NEC jurisdiction. "That kind of approach is the sort of thing I'd expect to hear from Karl Marx, not someone living in a free enterprise society," Mayor Pomeroy said. "It's the same thing all over again. There are two sets of rules here: one for the province and one for the municipalities."

The mayor said he is "totally in disagreement" with the draft proposals and hopes Halton Hills will appeal to Queen's Park to let municipalities exercise greater control over aggregate areas. Asked whether the AMO itself will appeal on behalf of member towns and cities, he said the matter had not yet come up as of Monday but may yet be brought to the floor.

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## WELL-REPRESENTED

All three eventually bowed out to Miss Harriston-Minto, Carolyn Pridham, when she was crowned Miss CNE Friday, but representing the area admirably were (left to right) Miss Milton Lorie Parsons, Miss Fergus Eva Janacek and Miss Acton Cindy McGiloway, seen here meeting the 1981 CNE Queen Shirley Vanek of RR7 Dresden. In all, 103 young ladies vied for the "Queen of the Fair" title. Our own Miss Acton relinquishes her crown Sept. 17 during the annual pageant and variety night that kicks off the Acton fall fair.

(Herald Toronto bureau photo)

## Local man murdered in restaurant shooting

A Georgetown man was shot dead Saturday while working in the kitchen of his Brampton restaurant and tavern.

Anthony Babakos was pronounced dead on arrival at Brampton's Peel Memorial Hospital.

Shortly before 3 p.m., Peel regional police said a man armed with a handgun came into the Vega Steakhouse and Tavern at the Southgate Mall in Bramalea and, after asking for Mr. Babakos, fired two shots hitting Mr. Bab-

akos, 32, in the chest. His wife Chris Babakos, 29, was working with him at the time and came out into the mall crying for help after the shooting.

Peel police Inspector James Wingate of the homicide department said police are still working on a motive for the killing.

Ten days prior to the murder, the restaurant was robbed by two armed and masked men who got away with \$800. Inspector Wingate said police are considering there may be a connection between the robbery and the murder.

Mr. Babakos came to Canada from Greece in 1972 and bought into the steakhouse only last year. Police aren't releasing a description of the murderer who fled on foot.

Friends visited the family Monday at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home in Georgetown. The body is to be buried in Greece.

Before buying into the Vega Steakhouse, Mr. Babakos worked as a cook for three years at Georgetown's Royal Pizzeria and Spaghetti House.

His former employer, Angelo Boutasidis, called him a friendly man.

"He was a good man. We had jokes and we had fun," Mr. Boutasidis said.

## Five-day delivery

Rural routes across Canada will no longer receive Saturday mail deliveries after this weekend, the Post Office has announced. In a bid to trim \$4 million in costs nationally, the corporation will standardize service between urban and rural deliveries so that both receive mail only five days a week. In Ontario's southwestern postal district, 785 routes are affected, with another 131 already on the five-day schedule.



## TUNNEL VISION

Every boy has his pipe dreams and (left to right) Jamie Hetherford, Kris Westcott-Touss and Greg Onoprijenko were out at Cedarvale Park last Wednesday morning exploring theirs. "Tunnel vision" for them is simply a lot of fun.

(Herald photo by Chris Asgaard.)