

Complaints not shared by exec - Armstrong

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Town planning board chairman Mike Armstrong has challenged complaints made last week by Georgetown Area Rate Payers Association president Brian Bush about the process leading up to council's approval two weeks ago of the Halton Hills official plan.

In a Herald interview, Mr. Bush expressed his group's disappointment in the plan, commenting that "there seems to be a total lack of rationality and no

logical process behind it".

But Coun. Armstrong told The Herald that he doubts Mr. Bush's views are shared by all members of GARA's executive committee.

"I have nothing against GARA," Coun. Armstrong said. "I'm strongly supportive of any group wanting to involve itself in community issues. But Brian's comments (last week) were strictly his and nobody else's."

Council and its committee formed to steer the town's urban boundary re-

Town responsive to ratepayers' concerns, planning chairman says

views made every effort to keep the ratepayers' group informed, Coun. Armstrong said, denying Mr. Bush's accusation that GARA's queries about the Georgetown urban review and the official plan were never addressed.

URBAN AREA

When GARA raised questions about Georgetown's proposed urban

area in June at a public meeting, the region's courier was sent to Mr. Bush's Georgetown home eight times, Coun. Armstrong said, each time finding no one home. Efforts to inform Mr. Bush of another public meeting in August, when the urban area review was consolidated into an amendment to the region's official

plan, were equally unsuccessful, he added.

"If he's frustrated, he has no one to blame but himself. The guy was out of the country for three months" (Mr. Bush was away on business).

Georgetown's new urban boundaries, taking in a large area southeast of Silver Creek, have been endorsed by regional coun-

cillors. They now await approval by the housing and municipal affairs ministry.

During the two and half years that the urban review committee met, eventually establishing through studies that Georgetown's population and industrial and commercial community could grow to 41,000 people

serviced by a modified sewage treatment plant, Coun. Armstrong says GARA received minutes of the meetings and the committee was in "constant contact" with GARA rep Roy Yestadt.

SEEK RESPONSE

The region, Coun. Armstrong explained, was asked to respond to GARA's concerns about,

among other things, the population figure arrived at through the studies and was told to respond directly to Mr. Bush. To his knowledge, Coun. Armstrong said, he's unaware of any attempt by the group to find out during Mr. Bush's absence, what happened to the responses it requested.

"Our committee had to deal with the Halton Hills planning board, staff and members of the public," he said. "We weren't about to go looking for questions from people. It's

their responsibility to comment. They had their opportunities."

GARA, he added, also failed to comment when the official plan was presented at public meetings in Stewarttown, Acton and Georgetown last month.

"We have no record of any submission from GARA whatsoever," Coun. Armstrong said, rejecting Mr. Bush's charge that "special interest" groups seemed to receive considerable attention from council and the

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TAKING TIME FOR TEA

Nothing so refreshing as a Sunday afternoon tea with the girls. Five new members of the Georgetown Zeta Phi and the Acton Theta Phi sororities were treated to a preferential tea. Nibbling and sipping are (left to right) Lynn Jennings, Carol Noyle, Gayle Savoie, Brenda

Watson, XI Delta Beta president Louise Griffin and Sharon Beasley. The tea was held in the gallery of the Cultural Centre. (Herald photo)

Seek AMO support on aggregate issue

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Mayor Pete Pomeroy hopes to muster support at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario over concerns the region and Halton Hills share over the amount of land the province wants to "protect" for the aggregate industry.

The author of last Wednesday's unanimously approved resolution in which regional council withheld approval of new aggregate policies until the Niagara Escarpment Plan has been completed, Mayor Pomeroy said that AMO backing could help the region's case before the provincial ministries of housing and municipal affairs and natural resources (MNR).

The aggregate concerns could be presented to the AMO, of which Coun. Mike Armstrong is an executive member, in about two weeks, Mayor Pomeroy said.

While council deferred approval of the aggregate policies, it also called on Halton's four mayors, regional chairman Jack Rafitis and planning and public works committee chairman Bill Johnson to meet with ministry representatives to get provincial approval for the delay.

In addition, the delegation will also argue that the amount of land protected by the MNR for aggregate extraction is excessive. Land for aggregate use may also be available in the Escarpment plan.

At recent public meetings in Acton and Georgetown, councillors maintained that land currently

licensed for aggregate use is already enough to meet southern Ontario's needs well into the next century.

If the ministries refuse to reconsider their position on aggregate lands, Mayor Pomeroy said he hopes the region "will take a very strong stand".

"My mind hasn't changed," he said. "We will still have to produce aggregate

for the province. But the question is how much land they really need."

Halton's decision to delay the new aggregate policies and risk a confrontation with the province "makes a lot of sense", Mayor Pomeroy said, suggesting that it should be prepared to take the ministries to court to secure fairer arrangements for landowners and

municipalities.

Because of last week's deferral, a discussion of Halton's aggregate policies is not expected at today's (Wednesday) planning and public works committee meeting. At a public meeting in Acton last week, Acton regional Coun. Dave Whiting suggested that the meeting be held in his community.

Parkland's future concerns Julian

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has asked natural resources minister Allan Pope to convene as soon as possible a conference on the future of Ontario's parkland.

In a statement issued last week, Mr. Reed expressed concern over conflicting interests in the maintenance and further development of public leisure areas.

"Some individuals and

groups are primarily concerned with the question of Crown lands, some with recreational opportunities, some with essential industrial and commercial opportunities," the MPP said. "All have one thing in common - a desire to ensure that our parks fulfill their potential as a source of riches, aesthetic, botanical or financial."

"Our operative and ongoing consideration

No promises from candidates

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

Election candidates drew about 70 area residents to hear their platforms on a variety of issues at an all-candidates meeting last Wednesday.

Promises were noticeable by their absence in prepared addresses by the 16 candidates who attended.

Only hydro commission candidate Doug Mason was unable to attend due to a previous commitment and a letter was read on his behalf by a member of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the meeting.

The question of promises was only touched on by three candidates, all of them seeking the regional council seat for Ward 1.

Incumbent Dave Whiting contended that the Acton councillors' drop-in needs to be held weekly, so that people with a problem will have some forum where they can be heard. At least once a month those meetings should be held at night to give those with daytime jobs an opportunity to also participate in them, he said.

Former councillor Ed Wood said he would rent an office in the downtown and have their problems dealt with rapidly. When he wasn't in the office himself he would hire someone for the job. Those expenses would come from his salary as a regional councillor, he said.

Newcomer Vince Whelan said his firm is prepar-

ed to give him a leave of absence if he is elected and that would enable him to also be a full-time representative for Acton voters.

The most widely discussed issue raised by spectators was the question of encouraging new business in Acton.

Norm Elliott suggested the town needs more businesses as well as industries and new stores for shoppers were more important than parking for shoppers who arrive to find they have fewer and fewer stores at which to shop.

Incumbent local councillor Ross Knechtel said the

purchase of parking lots was part of a long range scheme to improve the town's ability to draw customers and also new merchants. That advice was received from a consultant and the council and business improvement area board of managers were just carrying on with the plan they had begun before the economy became so soft.

Regional council candidate and BIA chairman Wood said the money would only be involved in the land purchase. Construction, paving and future maintenance of the parking lot at the corner of Church and Willow Streets will all come from levies on BIA members.

The BIA is spending half

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Some extra sleep

It's that time again. This Sunday at 2 a.m. we move to standard time, when the day grows even shorter. Set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

One dead in car crash

A Georgetown man escaped with major injuries Oct. 20 following a car accident in which the driver died. Douglas Brown of Danridge Crescent is listed in fair condition at Hamilton General Hospital.

He's said to be in good

spirits though stiff and sore. There were no broken bones, but Mr. Brown's left hand was scratched in the accident and is still sore.

Driver Everson for some unknown reason left the roadway of Halton Road 9 near Highway 25 and travelled into the north ditch. There, the vehicle struck a tree.

Halton regional police reported no skid marks at the scene and said the

vehicle had no apparent defects.

The fire department were called to cut the victims loose from the car.

There was \$8,000 damage to the 1978 Chevrolet. The crash took place at 12:30 a.m.

Our man in the Mideast not expecting any trouble

By ANI PEDERIAN
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After nine years in the Canadian Armed Forces, Stephen Weaver, 26, of Georgetown, is being sent abroad as part of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Syria.

Along with 290 men in the Canadian contingent, Mr. Weaver left Thursday night for Germany. He leaves there Saturday for Damascus, Syria.

Overseas, Mr. Weaver said he's been told to "keep to himself and not get involved".

He'll be driving Canadian military vehicles in Damascus, mainly to transport supplies. Mr. Weaver has a military

driver's licence and currently drives trucks up to five tons.



The son of Georgetown's Ellen Napier, Mr. Weaver has been stationed in Canadian Forces

Base Chilliwack in British Columbia for three years. He said he quit school at 15 and joined the army at age 17.

This will be Mr. Weaver's first time outside of Canada with the military. He had a chance to go to Cyprus as part of the U.N. peacekeeping force a few years ago, but missed out because of illness.

Flying very light, Mr. Weaver said he'll be issued equipment in Syria. A weapon won't even be part of his uniform, he said.

Mr. Weaver and the other Canadian army men are being flown in as replacements for returning Canadians. The Cana-

dian forces camp at which they'll be stationed is 800 feet below the snow line, Mr. Weaver said.

Expecting temperatures of 90 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, he's taken shots for thinning the blood.

After three months, he'll be eligible for a two-week leave, at which time he'll meet his wife of one and a half years, Linda, in Germany. The government will be flying her out to join him there, Mr. Weaver said.

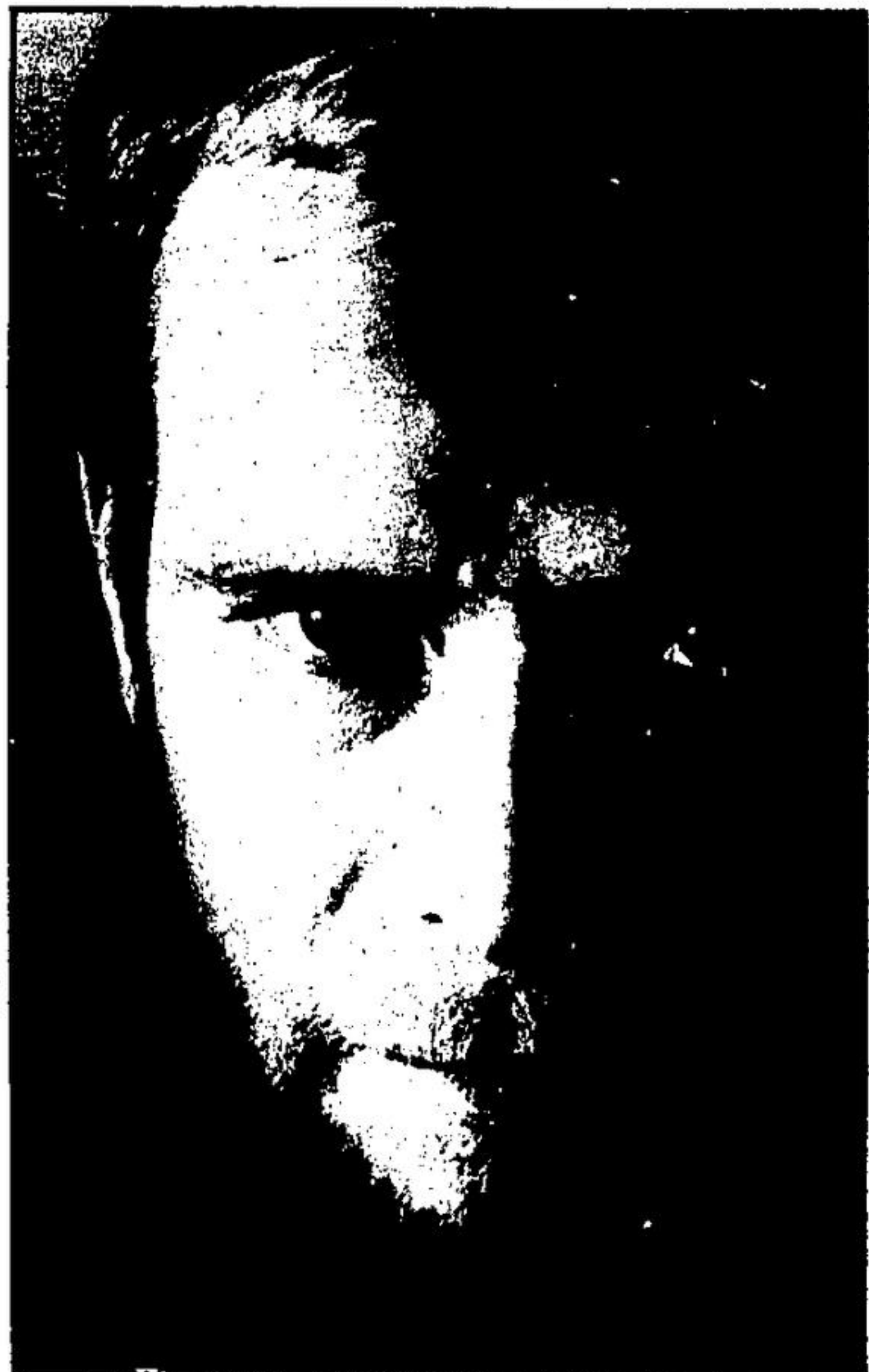
The six-month stint in Syria brings Mr. Weaver back April 24.

"I could stay longer, but my wife would kill me," he said.



YIPES!

How would you like to look like "Count" and Mrs. Bill Nipper of Georgetown this Saturday night when you make your Halloween rounds? A virtually professional make-up job courtesy of Globe Productions was Mr. Nipper a costume award last Halloween, and it's easy to see why. Globe is offering more of the same Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Shoppers Drug Mart in the Georgetown Marketplace, painting elaborate masks of your choosing for only \$1. Remember that facial make-ups is far safer than wearing a mask, which tends to obscure your vision. Globe's face painters got some expert coaching in the craft recently during a special training workshop.



KING OF ROCK 'N' ROLL

When Elton John was searching for a stage name under which to launch his solo career, his old mentor, Long John Baldry, came to mind. The "Elton" came from a little-known American bluesman, but the "John" came from England's Baldry. A true rock legend in his own time, Baldry has been acknowledged by the Rolling Stones and Rod Stewart as a major influence on their styles. Having adopted Canada as his home some four years ago, Baldry tours coast-to-coast here several months of each year. His latest brings him to Georgetown, where he headlines the week-long first anniversary celebrations for the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre. Tickets for his 8:30 p.m. concert at the Elitest Theatre Nov. 3 are available through the town recreation department: 877-5185, extension 60. Come see "the King of Rhythm and Blues" live onstage. A full birthday week programme appears inside. (Photo submitted)