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10 p.m. youth curfew enforced

## Police crackdown to cut vandalism

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff Writer  
Do you know where your children are? If it's after 10 p.m. and you don't, you may be facing a maximum \$1,000 fine. In an effort to cut

down on vandalism in Halton Hills, Halton regional police are initiating a program in which any child under 16 found loitering in a public place, not accompanied by a parent or a

person appointed by their parent, after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m. will be picked up by police and taken immediately home.

"We're not looking at kids on their way home from a movie at 10:10 p.m. with their friend," Halton Hills crime prevention officer Bob Ustrzycki added.

**BOREDOM**  
Boredom and peer pressure are two of the main reasons for vandalism, Const. Ustrzycki said. Removing the opportunity for a group of bored juveniles to stand around thinking up dares for each other is part of the pilot project's intention.

A statistical analysis by two students this summer as part of the federal solicitor general's work experience program showed 65 per cent of all damage occurred after 10 p.m. by juveniles between 12 and 16 years of age. Reported damage in Halton Hills and Milton during the first half of 1983 amounted to \$47,593.

**SUPPORT**  
"We anticipate we'll get a lot of support from

If the project turns out to be effective in the north, it may be implemented in the rest of the region, Sgt. Kivell said.

Another aspect of the vandalism project is educating the young people about the unnecessary cost of damage.

Safety Officer Rod Beaumont will be visiting children in Grades 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 and talking



### SUNDAY BEST FOR SATURDAY PARADE

For Acton Salvationists, Saturday was especially important. Between 75 and 100 people took part in a parade to commemorate the official opening of the Salvation Army Citadel on Acton's Mill Street. Some pre-parade grooming was in order

and (left to right) Trevor Marsh, 8, Sheldon Stuckless, 9 and Roy Stuckless, 8, ensure they look their Sunday best.

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

### ABOUT THE HILLS

## Kuiken joins election race



JAKE KUIKEN

Furniture and appliance entrepreneur Jake Kuiken announced this week that he's running in the Esqueving by-election set for Oct. 24.

Mr. Kuiken, 48, was a candidate along with Peter Norton and Tom Hill in November for same local councillor's

position representing Esqueving on Halton Hills Council. Mr. Hill, who passed away recently, won the November election, with Mr. Kuiken running a close second.

The owner of Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances in Acton, Mr. Kuiken has been a resident of the area for about 20 years.

He told The Herald Monday that he has reservations about the town's movement to get a new municipal centre. He's also concerned about noise problems at the Croatian and Canadian-Yugoslavian centres and opposes the International Peace Camp's proposal to develop a recreational centre near Speyside.

### Response awaited

The fate of a council building committee remains in limbo as the town awaits word on whether its \$600,000 offer for the Stevens' Estate has been accepted. Mayor Pete Pomeroy told The Herald that some news on the offer is expected within the next couple of weeks. One of the principals in the negotiations is currently out of the country. The building committee was created last year when the town began to seriously consider sites for a proposed municipal centre. While there are no immediate plans to build, the town two weeks ago made a formal offer to purchase the 29-acre Stevens' property located on Maple Avenue near the Trafalgar Road intersection.

### Anniversary bash

Some tickets are still available for the second annual Amateur Night. You can look forward to another action packed evening of fine local talent.

Some returning performers are May Swanson, Jean Cairns, Jill Pomeroy, Frances Siderius, Dave Boothe, Mandy Ingila, Tara Hamilton, The Gorin and Turnbull Show, Ralph Urse and the Raquetees.

Discover for yourself what talent lies in Halton Hills by coming out Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. to the John Elliott Theatre. Advance tickets are available at \$2 per adult and \$1 per student or senior citizen.

### Council time change

There'll be different hours for council meetings in the future. The town's general committee agreed with Coun. John McDonald Monday night and changed its staggered hours format (7 p.m. for general committee and 7:30 p.m. for council).

Now, regardless of whether it's a committee or council week, meetings will begin at 7 p.m. Coun. McDonald said he canvassed members of council, staff and reporters before making the suggestion and reported the response to the 7 p.m. starting time was favorable.

Uniform hours, he added, will end some of the confusion the public has about when meetings each week are to begin.

### Dance school chance

A Georgetown youth was one of the 45 new students selected out of a total 730 individuals who auditioned for the National Ballet School.

Alexander Oldaker, 13, will be enrolled in the Toronto-based program which combines professional ballet training with an enriched education for youths in grade 5 to grade 12.

The new students bring the total enrollment in all programs at the school to 232 - its highest ever.

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parents," Sgt. Kivell said. "I'm sure a lot of them would like to see their kids home early. Some parents don't care, but they're very few."

Having a curfew will be seen as a big relief for parents who want their kids home early. It will help settle a lot of arguments, Sgt. Kivell chuckled.

Enforcing the seven days a week curfew is seen as a first step toward cutting down on the vandalism in town. According to the provisions of the Child Welfare Act, the parents can and may be charged if their children are picked up loitering behind a school or a plaza.

If the parents aren't home when a child is picked up, police have the authority to take him to a relative or any other place of safety, which may well be the police station.

"It doesn't mean we're going to be automatically grabbing every kid and taking him home," Sgt. Kivell said. "It's selective enforcement."

to them about vandalism. In the Georgetown and Acton high schools, Const. Ustrzycki will be approaching the Grade 9 students.



CONST. ROD BEAUMONT

He'll be teaching the high school students how to deal with peer pressure, what causes it, and promoting class discussions on it. As well, he'll address the issue of boredom and how to deal with it.

"There are peak levels when vandalism rises alarmingly and we plan to go into the schools at those times as a reminder to these kids," Const. Ustrzycki said.

## Lost plans cost builder

Had regional documents not been missing, a Georgetown man would not have paid about \$10,000 to prepare two lots on the Sargent Road extension in Georgetown for water and sewer servicing.

Bill Richmond's dilemma with the two properties has left regional officials red-faced, although he told town council Monday night that, as civil engineer himself for Mississauga, he understands how problems can arise.

Acknowledging the region's move last month, Halton Hills' general committee agreed to waive property levies on the two lots to help compensate Mr. Richmond for a bureaucratic foul-up.

The region couldn't find documents to say that the two lots owned by Mr. Richmond—once part of the extensive Delrex subdivision development of the 1950s and 1960s—were already serviced. But as he began to dig and move up the extension he came upon water and sewer mains servicing the two lots.

**SERVICES THERE**  
"I spent the \$10,000 for

nothing," Mr. Richmond told the general committee. "All services were already installed by the Delrex Development company."

Town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson commented to the committee that Mr. Richmond's problem may not be an "isolated case of records being turned over to the region and then lost".

Halton assumed the town's responsibilities

Union Gas has "no imminent" plans to shut down its Main Street, Georgetown office, the company's regional manager told The Herald Tuesday morning.

The rumored closure plans were raised at Monday night's general committee meeting.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said he had heard the utility wanted to move its customer service office from Georgetown to Milton.

"That's news to me," Union Gas's Bob Seymour said, adding that the company is looking at its Halton Hills locations, possibly combining the Main Street office's operati-

ons with those of a smaller Union Gas building on Armstrong Avenue.

In fact, he said, one report suggests that Union Gas's offices are fine where they are on Main Street.

Mayor Pomeroy suggested that council stress the importance of keeping the Main Street office open to Union Gas.

Meanwhile, Union Gas's proposal for a rate increase before the Ontario Energy Board was coldly received by committee members.

The committee will voice its opposition through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to the proposed

increase of \$43 a year (for the average household customer which, Union maintains, has an annual gas bill of about \$24).

The increase is more like 6.3 per cent and not 5.3 per cent Union Gas quotes, Coun. Harry Levy said, because of an earlier reduction in the price of natural gas at the wellhead.

He said he also doesn't accept Union's argument that it faces higher costs due to inflation and changing of accounting systems.

Coun. Levy added that gas users shouldn't have to pay for union's corporate decision to buy Petrosar.

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has long range implications. Hopefully, sometime this year, we'll be coming back to the board on this," he said. "If we did alter by ten per cent the teaching time of our vice principals, the effect is two and a half teachers. However, how do you collect that two and a half teachers from 45 vice-principals by altering their schedules?"

Having done his homework, superintendent of employee services Rae Stoness told trustees Thursday night that he had explored the suggestions made by Mr. Jackson and saw no other alternatives in the situation than the hiring of additional staff.

"By not spending this money, then we would live with the problems as they currently exist," he told trustees.

Mr. Jackson had asked whether altering the teaching time of vice-principals could make a difference in the number of new staff to be hired.

Mr. Rae said that it was a question being examined for the future by the staffing group of the salary policy committee.

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## Firm underlines recycling gains

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer  
Gwen Discepolo wants to keep Halton from getting down in the dumps.

As operations manager for Halton's Recycled Resources Ltd., she's telling just about anybody who'll listen that there's a lot of good going to waste in the thousands of green trash bags which dot curbsides every day.

If people raised their noses and scoffed at the recycling idea when the Burlington company

special plant which burns waste to generate energy.

Halton's Recycled Resources finds markets

project in Burlington's Aldershot area.

The project began in January, 1982 and close to 80 per cent of Alder-



Gwen Discepolo is operations manager for Halton's Recycled Resources Ltd., a firm which saves useful items from household and industrial trash. She was at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Milton Sunday to answer questions visitors had about recycling trash.

was formed in 1978, Mrs. Discepolo and her husband-partner George are warmly received these days when they have something to say to area municipalities.

**CRISIS**  
Halton is in the midst of garbage crisis, a hangover from the region's earliest days when it assumed responsibility from area municipalities for garbage disposal.

Gradually, its landfill sites have filled up and shut down, and Halton is left with one in Burlington, due to close next summer.

Halton is carrying out an expensive study to find a new landfill site.

but paralleling that is research into how the region can cut down by as much as 75 per cent, the amount of trash which is being buried.

One solution that's being considered is a

for newsprint, glass and tin cans, products which tend to make up the bulk of household trash.

Highly publicized, Halton's garbage crisis has created an acute "awareness of source separation to lessen the impact on the landfill site", Mrs. Discepolo said.

"Source" separation means sifting out the re-usable trash right in the home or workplace.

Mrs. Discepolo spent Sunday afternoon talking to visitors at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre where her firm set up a display.

**PILOT PROJECT**  
In Oakville and Burlington, Halton Recycled Resources picks up newsprint, left at the curbside on garbage days.

In addition, it is responsible for collecting newsprint, glass and cans as part of a pilot

shot's residents, Mrs. Discepolo said, are regularly taking part.

Aldershot also happens to be close to the region's only remaining landfill site.

Along with other west Burlington ratepayers, Aldershot homeowners are upset with the region's proposal to expand the landfill site to handle waste until Halton's 20-year waste disposal program is in place. That may not be until 1988.

Halton Hills has its own "Divide and Conquer" program, which has operated since 1978.

On regular garbage days in the Acton and Georgetown urban areas, municipal trucks collect newsprint, glass and cans.

Halton's Resources Recovery Ltd. markets the newsprint for the town, selling it to the

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