

## Glen Specters win tourney

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## Meet the principal

Centennial new principal Al Zanatta is a familiar face to many in north Halton. He was the vice-principal at both M.Z. Bennett in Acton and Stewarttown Public School. See page A3.



## Force reacts to murders

Halton police



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## Lawyer will challenge loitering charges

By ANI PEDERIAN  
 Herald Staff  
 Is loitering a problem in Acton?  
 Apparently so. The issue brought Acton into the Toronto Sun headlines for the second time this week. The first reason was over the closing of the Acton Free Press printing plant.  
 Residents who have received \$28 tickets for loitering in the downtown core of Acton are

joining forces.  
 Saturday, they met at the Acton Public Library and invited Halton regional police to join them. Sergeant Larry Pattinson, Sgt. Rod Galbraith and Constable Susan Zohar did. The two sergeants supervise officers assigned to Acton and Const. Zohar covers the Acton beat.  
 Chaired by Acton resident Randy Turkosz, the meeting included a

Toronto lawyer, Al Bickerton of Bickerton and King, who is representing four of those charged with loitering.  
 Another eight indicated at the meeting that they also hope to get representation from Mr. Bickerton.  
 There are claims of harassment and brutality being made against police. Mr. Bickerton's clients have been advised not to discuss the

incidents until he meets with them Sept. 9.  
 "We've never had complaints of that (brutality) nature," Inspector Matt MacPherson, responsible for the Acton, Georgetown and Milton detachments told The Herald.  
 He said police haven't received complaints about police brutality from Acton residents.  
 "I'm sure the majority of people at that meeting

Saturday are aware of the procedure to complain if they feel they're not being treated properly by police," Inspector MacPherson said.  
 If anybody cares to come down and discuss their complaints with police, the Inspector indicated he's willing to listen.  
 "Myself, I'm here," Insp. MacPherson said. "And we'll attend any

meeting that we're invited to."  
 "There's a problem on the four corners," Insp. MacPherson said, referring to the popular Main and Mill Streets intersection where the traffic lights are.  
 "Everybody who lives in Acton realizes that's the local hang-out, so yes, there's quite a number of loitering tickets issued there."

Police don't keep a record of how many tickets are handed out, Insp. MacPherson said.  
 "They're like speeding or parking tickets," he said.  
 Most of the tickets are handed out between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., the Inspector said. The majority of those charged with loitering are between 16 and 30 years old.  
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## ABOUT THE HILLS

### Falls off truck

A Norval teenager is in satisfactory condition at Milton District Hospital after suffering injuries to the head when he apparently fell from a pick-up truck travelling at an estimated 50 kilometers per hour.

The 19 year old RR2 resident was one of two passengers riding in the rear box of a 1981 Ford pick-up truck Sunday morning at approximately 3 a.m.

The vehicle was travelling northbound on the Nassagaweya Town Line approaching the 15 Sideroad west of Acton when the incident occurred.

The driver of the pick-up, a 22 year old Norval resident, has been charged with failing to report an accident after police were informed eight and a half hours after the fact.

### House robbed

An estimated \$2,700 in goods were reported stolen in a break and enter sometime over last Thursday night.

The goods, including stereo equipment, fishing tackle, a television and a pair of binoculars, were taken from a residence on the Erin-Halton boundary line.

The front door of the house had been forced to gain entry.

### 2 per cent drop

Elementary school enrolments in the north end of the region are expected to be 7,569 next Wednesday as schools open.

Across the region, school officials are expecting enrolments to be down by 533 elementary school pupils, a drop of two per cent.

In terms of secondary school enrolments, they're expected to be down three per cent across the region, or 567 pupils.

In the north, enrolments in the high schools are expected to be 4,396.

However, it's expected enrolments will increase in September as pupils who miss opening day Sept. 5 return to school.

In the past, enrolments have gone up one-half of one per cent for elementary school pupils and three and one-half per cent for secondary school students by Sept. 30.

The official date recognized by the Ministry of Education for enrolments is Sept. 30. Grants to school boards are based on Sept. 30 enrolments.

### Travel agency affiliation

In a joint statement, Rick Bonnette, President of Acton Travel and Steve Dawkins, vice-president of the old Hilde House, have announced that the two companies are now affiliated.

Acton Travel remains a separate company and will continue to operate from its Mill St. location with Rick Bonnette as President and Elaine Petkoff as Manager.

The affiliation was undertaken as a means of pursuing marketing and development programs and to provide better service for customers of both companies.

### Crawford open house

A bark-covered Iroquois longhouse again dominates the hill rising above Crawford Lake on the Niagara Escarpment, more than five full centuries after the 450 Indians who once lived in the area moved to a new site.

The Halton Region Conservation Foundation which raised the money to rebuild the longhouse, still needs about \$180,000 to complete the \$700,000 fund raising campaign.

Everyone is invited to attend the official opening ceremonies of the Indian Village and Conservation Centre Sept. 9 at 3 p.m.

The opening festivities will include two days of free exhibitions and entertainment Sept. 8 and 9. For more information call 878-4131.

### Corn cob capers

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is featuring a fall program called Corn Cob Capers. Each weekend from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. there will be a variety of programs and exhibitions such as apple cider demonstrations, fresh corn for sale along with pancakes and beverages.

You can view a corn mulcher that horses draw in Canada once used and participate in botswana wagon rides.

Each Sunday afternoon there is an educational program on an outdoor platform for the kids. For more information call 878-4131.



**POLITICAL BAGMEN**  
 Acton councillor Ross Knechtel (left) and regional chairman Pete Pomeroy prepare for their apple sauce eating race Saturday at Acton's Ciderfest. More pictures on page A6.  
 (Herald photo by Ani Pederian)

## Seniors heading back to school

Herald Special  
 Senior citizens will be going to school in the fall, but they won't be sitting at the back of the class.

Instead, thanks to a pilot project encouraged by the Halton Regional Health Council, seniors will be the teachers for some special courses at Holy Cross Separate School.

The idea for the program is to have seniors share their talents with young students. Topics that might be taught by seniors would include story telling, crafts, travel experience and ham radios.

The project will probably start in October at Holy Cross, which was chosen because they have all eight grades, said Margaret Dewdney who is helping to coordinate the effort.

The teacher liaison at Holy Cross is Geraldine Barnes. The project could expand into other areas and at other schools, depending on the response from seniors, said Mrs. Dewdney.

The pilot project is looking for seniors to volunteer for the program and there is an application form available. To obtain an application call 877-3977. The organizers of the

program are hoping the idea will be a helpful step in further integrating seniors into the community while also enriching the curriculum at the schools.

In a press release,

other benefits were outlined:  
 — The older members of a community carry the traditions and cultural values which can give a sense of belonging to young people.

## Gas bar robbery

A white male, wearing a hard plastic clown mask and carrying a small, possibly automatic handgun, ran into the Gain Gas Bar office on Guelph Street in Georgetown and made off with an estimated \$500 Saturday, Aug. 25 at approximately 8:45 p.m.

He appeared from a light blue, older model Honda Civic which was driven by another suspect who was also a white male.

No further description of the driver is available, but the gunman is believed to be about six foot tall, 230 pounds and wearing shoulder length straight brown hair.

He was wearing a light blue T-shirt and blue jeans at the time of the robbery.

The Honda Civic had no primer or noticeable rust on its body and Halton regional police have alerted other police agencies in the province to be on the lookout.

## Halton riding

# Candidates debate peace, spending

By ANI PEDERIAN  
 Herald Staff

The small crowd out Friday night for the Halton all-candidates meeting at Acton High School seemed to be predominantly Progressive Conservative.

Several times, the federal PC candidate for the riding, Otto Jelinek, received applause.

Green Party candidate Chris Kowalchuk also scored high, winning the appreciation of his audience for his sincerity and honesty in the political game that often lacks both.

The meeting, organized by the Acton Chamber of Commerce, was tightly paced, and attended by about 70 local residents.

"Why should we trust you now, when you've sold us down the river for so many years," Liberal candidate Oriena Currie was asked.

"I would be bowing here for three hours, if I was to take responsibility for the positive as well as the negative," Mrs. Currie replied.

**ATTACKED**  
 Mr. Jelinek was attacked by a gentleman who questioned the candidate's sincerity when he talked about global peace. The speaker asked why the incumbent hadn't shown respect for a visiting dignitary from Korea who had recently been a guest in the House of Commons. Mr. Jelinek had remained seated while his fellow MPs had risen for the occasion.

"Is this the politics of peace or of confrontation?" the resident demanded.

"I showed my respect by going into the House of Commons," Mr. Jelinek said. "For someone who has no respect for human rights, I showed I would not be the hypocrite to the chamber and applaud."

Mr. Jelinek's family came from communist Czechoslovakia.

Nuclear disarmament was an issue on which all the candidates' position was asked.

**PEACE**  
 "I see Canada as the peace maker of the world," Mrs. Currie said. "And I think the world sees Canada as a peace maker. We're in the position to bring them to the bargaining table."

NDP candidate Kevin Flynn said his party also sees Canada as a mediator in world affairs. However, he said that traditional image of Canada has become tarnished.

The NDP supports a nuclear weapons freeze

at the United Nations and wants Canada to refuse to test the cruise missile in this country or produce parts for nuclear weapons. Mr. Flynn said his party also wants Canada to be a nuclear free zone.

PC candidate Otto Jelinek wouldn't go that far in his stand on nuclear weapons.

**BALANCED**  
 Mr. Jelinek said his party is after "balanced and mutually verifiable arms reductions", meaning Canada won't

Mr. Jelinek said the government would use its civil servants instead of hiring outside consultants on projects. As well, the Conservatives would cut government advertising and reduce the number of civil servants through attrition. Crown corporations would be privatized and would be made responsible to the laws of the land, Mr. Jelinek said.

Mr. Flynn advised his audience to look at the prairie provinces where

spending.  
 "Money paid by taxes, sent to the government by the sweat of the ordinary person is a sacred cow to us and should be treated with respect," Mr. Flynn said.

If money is being put into the economy and is creating jobs, Oriena Currie doesn't consider it a waste.

"I think it's wasteful if money is leaving the country. If it's not leaving the country, I don't see it as waste,"



OTTO JELINEK



KEVIN FLYNN



ORIANA CURRIE

the NDP have formed governments that are very stingy in their

### Rash of car vandals

Halton regional police report a rash of willful damage incidents occurring over the last week.

Sometime between August 20 and 22 a truck belonging to Speers Electric had a number of wires ripped out from beneath the dashboard while parked at Al's Custom Meats where the company was doing some electrical work.

On August 21 a 1984 Escort had an estimated \$50 in damages done to it when it was scratched on River Street in Georgetown.

Another estimated \$50

in damages occurred to a 1979 LTD which had eggs thrown at it and paint scratched last Thursday evening while it was parked on Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown.

On the same evening an estimated \$100 in damages were delivered to a 1978 Volkswagen when it had its left rear window smashed at the Georgetown Market parking lot.

Last Friday a 1977 Lincoln had its passenger side window smashed resulting in an estimated \$65 in damages



### JOURNEY INTO YESTERDAY

Local horse enthusiasts hopped aboard their favorite four legged creature and joined the "Journey Into Yesterday" parade through Ballinafad Saturday afternoon. The parade wound its way to Scotsdale Farm where there were demonstrations by equestrians.