



## Legion head Meets Queen

Dave Capperault of Georgetown ends his term as Dominion Command President. He's travelled around the world on Legion business during his two year term. See Family Page B1

Climb into second spot

## Raiders starting to gain momentum

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## Truck driver wins national award

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Ever since he rescued a 19-month old baby from a car fire nearly a year ago, John Kriticos of Acton has been kept busy going to banquets and graciously accepting awards.

Recently, the 35-year old trucker received a letter from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney congratulating him for his heroic deed, and inviting him to Ottawa to receive the Medal of Bravery from Governor-General Jeanne Sauve.

It was back in January that Mr. Kriticos reached into the back seat of a



car to pull out Timothy Lachance of Rexdale from his car seat.

The Mustang, driven by Timothy's father, Raymond Lachance, had been rear-ended on Highway 401 near Dixie Road, and the gas tank ruptured, starting a fire.

A trucker for 18 years, Mr. Kriticos jumped out of his CN Express tractor trailer, asbestos lined gloves on hands, to rescue the child from flames that were melting his snow suit and burning the tip of his nose.

What he did on that slushy miserable day wasn't forgotten, and already seven awards have honored the Acton

man. Just two weeks ago, Mr. Kriticos was the guest of honor at the Ontario Trucking Association Convention in Toronto.

Nominated by The Halton Hills Herald and Firestone Ltd. employee Tom Tomson, Mr. Kriticos was named national truck hero for 1984. He has a three and a half foot high trophy in his Storey Drive home, temporarily recognizing "a heroic act performed by a trucker".

Sponsored by Firestone and the Canada Safety Council, the trophy will be replaced by a smaller one Mr. Kriticos will be able to keep. As well as the trophy, the award

came with a \$1,000 cash prize, an all-expenses paid weekend in Toronto at the King Edward Hotel, and a Rolex wrist watch.

Mr. Kriticos said despite all the awards he has already received, his knees still got weak last month as it came time for him to stand up and accept the truckers' award.

"You wouldn't believe how nervous I was; here I am, a normal truck driver, being honored by every president of every trucking company in Canada, and I had my boss there too," Mr. Kriticos said.

There were 23 truckers across Canada nominated for the award, but it

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### ABOUT THE HILLS

#### Dec. 17 is Santa's letter deadline

Half-buried under a mountain of letters, Santa Claus reported back in a muffled tone to The Herald Monday.

The jolly fellow said he's about half-way through answering his letters to the boys and girls of Halton Hills.

He said that in order to prepare for his Christmas Eve journey, letters must be received by The Herald Dec. 17 so they can transfer them to the North Pole.

Remember! Monday Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. is the last date for letters to Santa. Don't delay!

#### Video thefts

A string of thefts involving video machines have Halton regional police believing the thefts are all attributed to one person.

A male who has left a false name with local video shop merchants is believed to be the culprit and police are looking for a red, late model Monte Carlo or Grand Prix in the incidents.

Video Flicks on Guelph Street is out for about \$500 after they rented a Sanyo video machine and four movies worth approximately \$16 each.

Thomas Home Video on Main Street is missing an RCA video and disc machine and two movies with an estimated total value of \$270.

Video Buff on Mountainview Road South has reported an estimated loss of \$819 after they leased a Hitachi VCR and three movies.

The previous incidents happened on Dec. 4 while on Dec. 5 the Video Station on Guelph Street rented a Sanyo VCR and two movies with an estimated value of \$450 to the believed thief.

#### Multi-cultural evening

Are you interested in the ethnic variety in Georgetown?

The YMCA is holding another multicultural evening to help support YMCA work in Peru.

People are needed from various cultural backgrounds to tell about their country and special customs or to show their national costume.

Would you like to help? The Y would like to represent as many countries as possible in a program in late February-early March.

Call Cheryl Lightowers at 877-2311 or Y office at 877-6163.

#### Animal tales at library

The Tales of Beatrix Potter will be presented in the John Elliott Theatre Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The Tales of Squirrel Nutkin, Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher and Tom Kitten were adapted by Santo Cervello of Erewan Theatre.

During the forty-five minute presentation masked actors will use puppets, mime, dialogue and unusual props to bring the stories to life.

Tickets cost \$2 and are available at both the Acton and Georgetown Public Libraries.

For more information, contact Joy Showell at 877-2681.

#### Halton wants to know

The regional clerk is letting Peel region know that Halton, and especially the Town of Halton Hills, is interested in any public meetings to be held in Peel on the landfill site proposed off Sideroad 17.

Peel is also being asked to document its landfill site selection process concerning the site adjacent to the Halton Hills border.

#### Wizard set wet

The sprinkler system at the Georgetown Cultural Centre was activated Sunday afternoon after a backdrop from GLT's production of the Wizard of Oz hit the system.

There is a certain amount of water damage although no loss figure has been estimated yet.

#### Share your Christmas

This is the last week to donate money to the Good Neighbor Service in Georgetown which will be helping needy people in town enjoy a Christmas season.

Many foodstuffs will be bought by the service including Christmas turkeys. Further information may be obtained by calling Siena VanHoekelen at 877-3235.

If you'd like to share your Christmas with a needy child, the Kinettes of Georgetown can help. They're organizing a Christmas toy drive for underprivileged children in Georgetown.

The gifts will be distributed the week before Christmas. For more information call 877-0722.

## Burlington reps block move to help haulers

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Garbage haulers in Halton Hills aren't going to get a break, at least it doesn't look like it so far.

A \$123,500 grant to help keep costs down at the Halton Hills transfer station on Georgetown's Armstrong Avenue was refused by regional councillors in a 13 to 9 vote last week.

The transfer station is where the town's garbage is centrally collected before being compacted and hauled to the region's landfill site in Burlington.

Although the proposal had the support of Halton Hills regional Councillors Dave Whiting, Mike Armstrong, Jake Kulken and Mayor Russ Miller, Milton councillors and even a couple of Oakville regional councillors, Burlington representatives stood firmly in a block against the transfer grant, Halton Hills regional Coun. John McDonald was absent.

Private haulers, who pick up garbage from the rural routes where there's no municipal pickup, and from industrial and commercial customers, are complaining that business is down 30 per cent because of the high fee (\$17.64) they have to pay for each tonne of garbage they drop off at the transfer station.

That fee covers the operations of the transfer station, and haulage costs to the region's only dump which is miles away in Burlington.

That's not the only fee, though, that private haulers have to fork out. They also have to pay \$18 per tonne of garbage which is the region's tipping fee.

The tipping fee is the cost charged by the region to accept the garbage into its landfill.

Together, the region's tipping fee and the transfer fee add up to \$35.64 per tonne of garbage. Next year, that's to go up to \$42.24 per tonne.

To keep up with these costs, private haulers have naturally had to increase their rates for garbage pickup, something which has led to a loss of customers.

Many former customers are just bringing their garbage to the Armstrong Avenue transfer station themselves, and getting rid of their

#### Halton Hills firms have extra costs

garbage at no cost when it's under 350 pounds. The companies say they are on the verge of going out of business and have asked the region for some financial aid.

Mayor Miller said the private haulers don't just pick up garbage in Halton Hills, but also in Milton and Oakville, which they bring to Georgetown's transfer station. They find it closer than going to Burlington.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little said she appreciated the dilemma of the increased costs being faced by haulers and suggested perhaps Halton Hills and Milton can share the cost of the grant until the issue of having a transfer station has been resolved.

Halton Hills has the only transfer station in the region, and its future will be decided once the region determines its new landfill site, next year.

"I'm looking at the fairness of the whole problem...but I can't see anything more unfair than what this is," Coun. Little said. "Now we're being asked to contribute 42 per cent of the cost of carting this garbage to our municipality, not just to have to store it, but you're asking Burlington to also pay to take away the garbage."

In argument, Mayor Miller said that Burlington councillors should consider that by using the transfer station in the north, private haulers and industries are keeping truck traffic bringing garbage down in Burlington.

"Is it fair, because the regional government has only one landfill site (and it's) in Burlington?" Mayor Miller demanded.

In comparison with haulers in the region's north, Burlington haulers have a shorter drive to bring their garbage directly to the dump. At the dump, they only have to pay a tipping fee, saving substantially on garbage collection.

Both the Mayors of Milton and Halton Hills emphasized that the onus of responsibility when it comes to dealing with garbage is on the region, not on the local municipalities.



#### THAT FINISHING TOUCH

Rudi Lewanczyk of Jacy's Cake and Pastry Shop on Guelph Street in Georgetown administers the finishing touches to a gingerbread house in the pastry shop's kitchen. Associated with the Christmas season, gingerbread houses are a colorful decoration which Mr. Lewanczyk said takes well over an hour to complete. (Herald photo by Robin Bakewell)

## Mayor fights region

The Mayor of Halton Hills isn't giving up the fight to get a regional grant to help out private haulers bringing garbage to Georgetown's transfer station.

"I'm going to bring this matter to (town) council eventually," Mayor Russ Miller told The Herald.

Last week, Burlington councillors blocked off a proposal to give a \$123,500 one-time only grant to keep transfer fees down for private haulers using the Georgetown station on Armstrong Avenue to dump off their loads.

The transfer fee the haulers pay (\$17.64) covers the operation of the station and the hauling charge to take the garbage to the region's dump in Burlington.

Mayor Miller said he had a few cards up his sleeve yet, which he wasn't ready to divulge yet.

Mayor Miller said he didn't think it fair the town pays for social services in the south and Burlington's Royal Botanical Gardens to name a few items, with its regional dollars, yet when it comes to sanitary problems in the north, Halton Hills is left to pick up the tab alone.

"They're burning-

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#### CO-OP FRIENDS

Toronto's Sunshine girls helped attract a steady flow of customers to the grand opening of the Co-op Gas Bar on Guelph Street in Georgetown over the weekend. (Herald photo)

## Adult French courses reduced by Halton board

By KELLY WILSON  
Herald Special

A French program in Georgetown for parents of children enrolled in French Immersion has been cut down to two classes from three and may be cancelled if enrollment doesn't increase.

The director of continuing education for the Halton Board of Education, said, "it's up to the parents whether it (the course) will continue." Willard Price said that in order for the course to be run on a free basis it has to be run as a credit course with a sufficient number of students attending.

There must be 20 people in each class for the program to be eligible for funding by grants, he said.

Mr. Price said that the program is working well in Acton. There are three full classes in Acton, while there are only enough people attending the course in Georgetown to warrant two classes.

Karen Sykes, a parent of a child enrolled in French Immersion who is enrolled in the course is upset over the joining of two classes.

The intermediate class makes up one class while the beginners class was joined with the more advanced class.

Mrs. Sykes said that by having both those that know little or no French and those that can speak French in one class, both groups get frustrated.

Mrs. Sykes would like to see the course continue on until March as planned with three classes. "A lot of people could benefit from it (the course) if they knew about it."

She believed the course needed to be more widely publicized. Mrs. Sykes, along with other members of the course are concerned

over the future of the course. She described the course as being fun and fast paced.

"The purpose of the program is to provide a junior high school credit for parents of children enrolled in French Immersion," said Mr. Price.

"We are trying to help the parents help their children," he said.

Mr. Price hopes the course will encourage parents to structure some time for French at home with their children.

The course is a pilot project in the area. It was brought about as a result of requests by parents in the area who wanted to learn French so that they could help their children enrolled in French Immersion.

A survey was distributed last spring to determine the response to such a program. In Acton 68 people responded favorably to the survey while in Georgetown 63 people showed interest.

A week before the course was due to start in October, George Kennedy Public School principal Jack Reed sent a letter home with the children of those who responded favorably to the survey and to all parents of children enrolled in French Immersion in George Kennedy's six Immersion classes.

Parents of children enrolled in the Immersion program at Stewarttown Public School were also notified.

Rose Marie Baskin, one of two teachers teaching the course in Georgetown said that the course is basically the same as the one the children are taking.

The classes are divided up according to the person's background in French and the grade their child is in, she said.