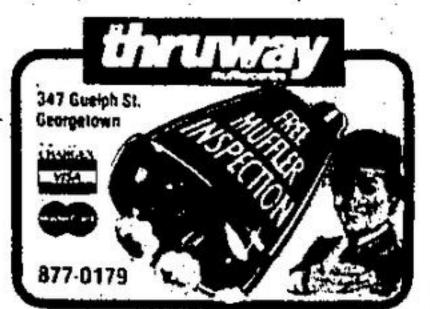
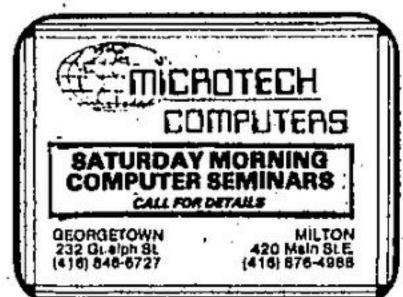
Premier Frank Miller tours through Halton Hills -- see Page A3



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Blizzard topples Aluminart

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff With a sudden bang, 8,000 square feet of

Aluminart disaster.

roof gave away.

four or five seconds.

ran in different directions.

Aluminart Products, as 12 of the 15 day shift injuring seven employe- employees began work es and causing over a at 7:03 a.m., the entire million dollars in root of the wooden and roofing collapsed at

Richard Looyenga is listed in satisfactory

With two broken ankles and three separate

'It's hard to say (what happened), I saw it

He said he was working towards the front of

When the accident occurred he sald there

"I thought I could make it to the door, got

"I don't remember any of it," he comment-

He said it wasn't til 9:30 or 10 a.m. he awoke

condition at Georgetown District Memorial Hospi-

tal after being pinned for over an hour in the

breaks to his pelvis the 24 year old Actor resident had only been in the plant ten minutes when the

(the roof) coming down and the next thing I knew I

woke up in hospital," said the packing inspector

the (approximately) 500 by 150 foot building when the roof began to collapse at the rear. With no

forewarning Mr. Looyenga said it was all over in

were a couple of guys close by him and everyone

ed on his rescue and the firefighter reports that he

about ten or fifteen feet, and that was that.,

was conscious immediate following.

and realized he was in hospital.

who has been with the company for 14 weeks.

concrete-block machine Wednesday morning, shop gave way In seconds. While employees ran Man caught in debris for exits, a couple were blown out of the 16 year old building by the under collapsed roof. vacuum created by the

> collapse. Richard Looyenga, 24, an Acton resident, was the only employee unable to fully escape the disaster which left

him pinned beneath a section of the fallen roof. Unconscious, it 'was over an hour before the 18 Halton Hills firefighters called to the scene were able to locate him

In the debris. Volunteer firefighter Bruno Martina found the injured man after spotting his leg while clearing some snow with a shovel.

Power saws were used to free Mr. Looyenga who was rushed to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital with injuries to his pelvis and ankles. The other injured employees were treated and released from the



hospital. Located on Sideroad 17 at the 10th Line in Georgetown, investigators from the Ministry of Labor and Halton regional police are looking into the cause of the

It was originally thought the amount of snow build-up on the roof had caused the collapse, and while that assumption has not been ruled out, general manager Jack Dorsay said inve-

stigators are "still look-

In the following meet-

ings preceeding the Sep-

tember, 1984 charges

agninst police, lawyer

Wayne King said,

"there is a very small

going well beyond the

After court proceed-

ings Wednesday Al

Bickerton said the

charges were with-

drawn after he received

verbal instructions from

his Acton clients not to

Stating the decision

had come a week prior

to the court date, Mr.

Bickerton sald the wit-

nesses who were willing

to testify at the time the

charges were laid were

The toll for motorists Feb. 23 is being

People will be asked to donate money which

If you want to volunteer for toll duties call

Acton resident Paul Logan received nine

The trafficking cannabis resin charge,

Mr. Logan, 25, was charged with trafficking

Although the Canada Employment Centre

Students are welcome to peruse the job

The Employment Centre for Students is,

months in jail after pleading guilty to charges of

obstructing police, causing a disturbance, failing

to comply with a recognizance, breach of

which brought a three month jall term, was the

result of "project cap", a joint forces investigation

cannabis resin after he sold a five gram vial of

hash oil to an undercover officer on Main Street in

for Students hasn't opened yet, students are

invited to pop over to the Employment Centre at

Guelph Street and Mountainview Road in George-

town for tips on how to prepare their job search.

boards and fill out an application with the Centre.

expected to open in April. Meanwhile, the

supervisor for it, Jo-Anne Lockhart is working at

probation and trafficking cannabis resin.

into drug dealings in north Halton.

Summer job help

Acton, Nov. 30, 1984.

the Brampton office.

manned from 9 - 4 p.m. at two locations on Guelph

will go to the Drug Abuse Foundation in

Lioness Lea Douglas at 877-3991.

9 month jail term

now not available.

voluntary toll.

Georgetown.

proceed.

scope of their duty."

By ROBIN BAKEWELL

· Herold Staff

heated dispute between youth in Ac-

ton and the Halton regional police

drew to a close in Milton Provincial

lawyer Al Bickerton, charges of

assault were withdrawn against four

Halton regional police officers.

Court last Wednesday.

Constables Steven

Amis, Brian Farrell,

Ray Hendry and Ser-

geant Michael Eacrett,

who also had a charge of

driving a motor vehicle

in a manner dangerous

to the public, received certificates of acquittal.

with the assurance that

charges not be relayed.

The charges were the

result of what some

youths in Acton believed

to be excessive force

used by police when

After several Acton

youths believed they

were being harrassed

by police with loitering

charges, the law firm of

Bickerton and King

began to represent

laying charges. .

Another chapter in the often

In a prosecution, led by Toronto

Insurance and consulting engineers are also tooking into the situati-

While Halton regional police estimated the damage of \$4.5 million, Mr. Dorsay said the total

For assault

Police charges withdrawn

loss is about a million dollars because of salvagable equipment. Mr. Dorsay described

what workers related to him in the incident as a loud bang beginning with the collapse which started a tidal wave effect on

the roof. The aluminum extrusion plant, which produces aluminum parts for a variety of products including doors, windows and

around the scene. "Scavengers have been appearing around the property since the accident. People don't come down with trailers behind their cars out of truck bodies, has set up a curiosity," Mr. Dorsay night guard patrol said.

received a letter from

the crown about a

month ago stating the

charges were being

Although he wasn't

present in court for

proceedings against

Sergeant Michael

Encrett he said he was

still consulting with Mr.

withdrawn.

Bickerton.

A TOP ATHLETE



Athlete-of-the-Year. Donker set three provincial records in the Ontario Minor Track and Field circuit. Ills indoor time in the 1500 and 800-meter events as well as the time for the outdoor 1500-meter event were all provincial marks. As well, he was the outdoor 800-meter provincial champ. Donker also was undefeated this year in the elementary school cross-country scene, winning all nine of his races, including the North Halton and Halton championships. Award co-sponsor Chris Milne of North Halton Sports and Herald Sports Editor Dan Raiph present Donker with his trophy.

A Georgetown resident won \$10,000 in Match

Match 3 Doubles offers more than four

3 Doubles Feb. 8. Gerald English of Langstone

Crescent claimed one of the 83 \$10,000 instant

prizes offered in the game, operated bythe Ontario

million instant prizes ranging from free tickets to

\$10,000. Players scratch the play area on their

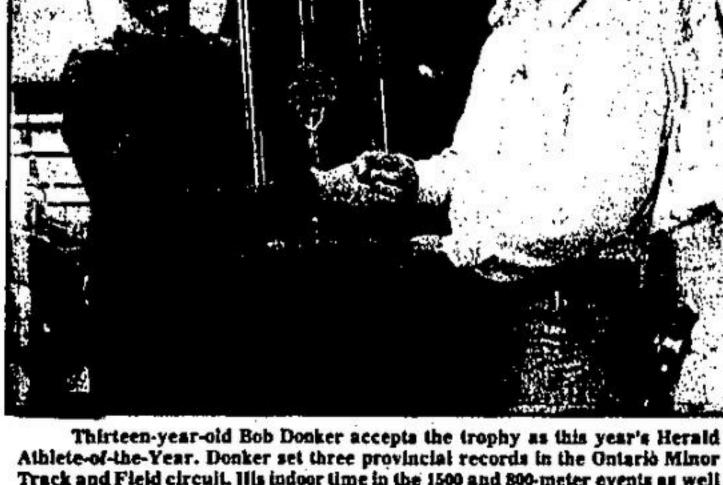
EASY-SELL

HUN UP TO 6 WEEKS- ONLY

Wins \$10,000

Lottery Corporation.

tickets.



(Herald photo)

Top citizen dinner Tickets are still selling for the "Citizen of the Year" dinner and dance being held by the

Georgetown Lions Club Feb. 23. Award recipient Steamer Emmerson will be toasted by Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid and Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy.

Tickets for the prime rib dinner are \$15 each and are available from Lions Club members or from Al Watt at 877-1666 (daytime) or 877-8674

Corrections

As a result of a misprint in a press release submitted to The Herald from the Halton Regional Police it was wrongly published last week that Kimberly Thompson was charged with trafficking

The charge should have read possession of LSD.

In the Feb. 13 edition there were also two other errors. A picture on Page 2 said a cheque for \$13,999 had been presented to the North Halton Distress Centre from Centennial Public School. The amount should have read \$300.

A Page 4 article by columnist Pat Woode said that 2 per cent of sex abuse cases are never reported. An editing error accurred: the figure should have been 20 per cent.

The Herald regrets the errors.

Drug awareness toll

Last Saturday was a busy day for members of the Lioness Club. They spent the day filling grab bags in preparation for the Drug Awareness Week

Ken Anderson was the only one of four complainants, able to verify with The Herald he had asked Toronto lawyer Al Bickerton to withdraw charges against Constable Steven Amis.

Mr. Anderson was not proceedings against Const. Amis, Thursday morning.

"It wouldn't have really mattered anyway, we didn't have a chance. When you have 12 officers testifying

against your three or four (witnesses) it doesn't give you much credibility," he said.

John Nessett, who had charged Const. Ray Hendry, would not confirm that he asked Mr. Blckerton to withpresent in court during ' draw the charges, and refused further comm-

Paul Iredale said he didn't ask that the charges against Const. Brian Farrell be withdrawn and was unaware they had been until he

talked with friends in Acton, Thursday afternoon.

"I was fully prepared for court and if I'd known what time to be there I'd have gone," he said citing a communication breakdown with Mr. Bickerton. Jim Allonby was

under the assumption that the charges were "on hold at the moment" when contacted by The Herald. Mr. Altonby said he

He refused to say when his last contact with Mr. Bickerton was and said he would be contacting "shortly".

Counter-suit possibility portion of the force

Herald Staff

Lawyer Bruce Hillyer has recommended his client, Sergeant Michael Eacrett, launch a malicious prosecution lawsuit after having an assault charge withdrawn.

The charge was withdrawn Thursday at Milton Provincial Court by Al Bickerton who acted as special prosecution during the proceedings. . . "I (eel he (Sgt. Eacrett) has been embarrassed, his career may have been stalled and may have been damaged in the public's eye,"

the Burlington lawyer said. He said the decision on whether to press the charges were entirely up to Sgt. Eacrett.

"I was convinced the charges were groundless and suspected they would be withdrawn or dismissed," he said.

Sgt. Eacrett's own reaction to the outcome of the court proceedings was one of "tremendous

He said although the charges were withdrawn he would have preferred to have been found not guilty through a trial.

Constable Steven Amis said he fully expected there to be a trial although he was quick to add that "it would have been the same ending either way."

John Beileghem who represented Constables Amis and Ray Hendry said there had been some discussion between his clients about the possibility \ of malicious prosecution action although he said

the feasability and usefulness of any action has not

McDermid suggests CBC ad salesman hustle more dollars

By ROD DEACON Olinwa Bureau

When It comes to dumping on the CBC forits program cutpacks, there are no party lines. in the House of

Commons. Members of all fares parties have sone on record opposing the gateceliation of radio and television programs station closures and staff. layoffs by the drown corporation.

have been TV's The dollars. So, day by day, MP's it, though, have spoken out against To quote the official

the manner in which the CBC has gone about its budget trimming exer-

present of debuting priposed changes to the CRTC ACT, MPS bave public record their private somethings about

But It was left to Tory MP John McDermid (Brampton-George

town) to suggest that if The CBC was ordered the CBC finds that in a by the government to cut tight financial squeeze, 5 million dollars from its then perhaps its army of budget and over 1,000 ad salesman could put jobs from across the their shoulder to the wheel and mustle up a Victims of the axe few more commercial

Friendly Giant, and That's not exactly how rattio's Our Native Land. Mr. McDermid phrased

McDermid said: "I am told that CBC salesmen Most recounty, on the all on their bufts, they wait for prilers instead of aggressively seeking commarcials for the bootlegged onto the excellent and widely unichest programs." Mr. McDermid once worked for a CHC affi-

record of Commons

detiste, Feb. 13, Mr.

fiale as well as in the private broadcasting

Over the Christmas holidays, the Tory MP watched the CBC broad cast of The Tin Flute. Aired byer three nights, Mr. McDermid says, The only time I saw any commercials was on the

Friday night "On Wednesday and Thursday oights, there was promo after promo he told the Commone