# Proposal for Acton day care centre

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff

If all goes well, Acton will have a day care centre for pre-schoolers by this September.

That's what a 13member committee established last fall would like to accomplish within the next few months.

Made up of Acton professionals, parents, parents have a choice in teachers and service where they put their providers, the commit-children.

Tanning

Centre

tee is working with Georgetown YMCA director Claudette Smith to bring about their goal.

"We dound a lot of parents want to use such a centre, but have no choice in Acton. They have to use a private home," the region's Children's Services Manager Karen Chan told The Herald.

She would like to see



In January, the group, for of the Y's five year play, sleeping room and what kind of service care for the children of School guldance teacher Milton. Sue Burns, approached the YMCA to start up

to find a facility sultable for a daycare.

chaired by Acton High old day care centre in

Starting up costs are expected to be over such a program in Acton. \$20,000 and that's why Unanimously, the Mrs. Smlth had to get the committee endorsed the request approved by the Y and asked Mrs. Smith Metro Y, which it was.

The actual cost will depend on the facility Mrs. Smith said the Y and whether it needs has considerable expe- minor or major renovarience in pre-school day tions to bring it up to care, running about 22 provincial licensing such programs in Toron- standards, she said. to. She herself is direc-Much of it will go for

kitchen equipment.

The Y will put up the development funding, and there may be a provincial grant and community fund raising to help the project along financially, Mrs. Smith said.

Pre-schoolers are two and a half to five years

Once a facility has been decided upon, parent surveys will be undertaken to determine

parents will be wanting from the Centre.

Miss Chan said Acton High School principal Karel Sury would like the day care centre to be located close to the school so that his students can participate

Not only will it be useful to serve as a student placement for Acton High students, but the daycare can also Acton parents who want to take high school courses and perhaps finish their degree.

Rates for the new service haven't been set, but Mrs. Smith said Y rates tend to be at about the middle. "We're not the bargain basement, but we're also not the top cost provider," she said.

Daycare at the Milton Centre is \$15.50 per day for each child.

Norval News: a variety night features comic skits, Page B2.

The Rotary Club is offering scholarships in

Centennial's version of the hit musical 'Ollyer' gets praise from our reviewer, Page BJ.

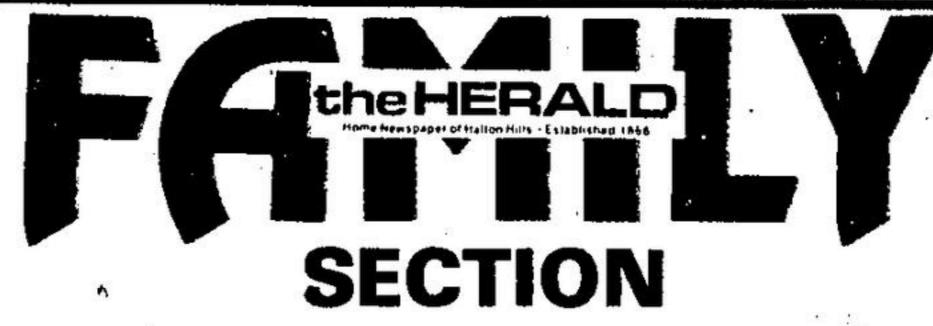
Europe, Page B4.

Aris Council columnist Pat Hretchka recommends Felix Possak and his Banjo Band. Page B3.



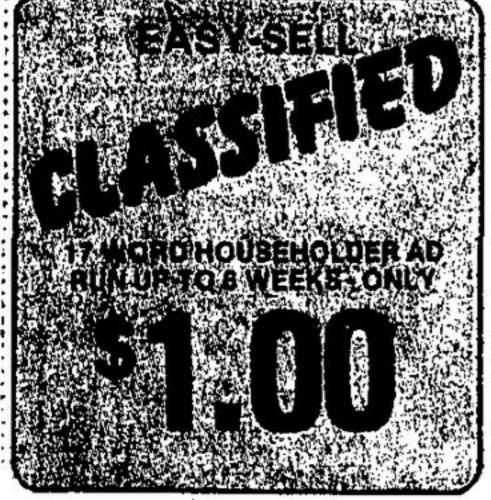
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#### Wildlife artist

Georgetown's 'Pictures and Presents' is pleased to announce the arrival of two original paintings by Toronto artist Marc Barrie.

Proprietor Judy Wickware describes the young artist as "becoming more and more well known".

The 22 year old, self taught, artist works with wildlife subjects and nature from which he is probably best known for his studies in birds.

His drawings, paintings and limited edition prints (some of which are available at Pictures and Presents) are in collections in Canada, the U.S. and in over 18 countries,

Many of his works have been completed from his studio-home between the Claremont and Greenwood conservation areas, north-east of Toronto where the studio overlooks a feeding

### New cab driver

Leslie John Markham of Georgetown has been issued a taxi cab owner's license. Town councillors approved his application

to operate a cab under Halton Hills Taxl. There are currently 13 taxi cab licenses in operation in town. A town bylaw allows for 25 taxi cab licenses.

### Tapestry winner

· So who won, you say? Durham Street resident Ethel Harris was the lucky recipient of a Peruviah Tapestry last week. Her ticket number was picked for a draw organized by the YMCA in Georgetown.



The Y was selling tickets to help support their international project in Lima, Peru. In addition, Oct. 1 was the second annual Multi-cultural Evening featuring exhibits, demonstrations, food and dancing from residents representing different nationali-

### Mini-golf proposal

Acton may have a muni-golf course for those who like to putter around on those long summer evenings.

Len and Elly Tuitman of the garden centre off Highway 25 have applied for a development permit for an 18-hole miniature golf course on Lot 24 Concession 3, south of Acton.

The land is under the control of the Niegara Escarpment Commission and the town indicated it had no objections to the proposal, this week.

### "Y" art auction

The Georgetown Y have a special treat planned for art lovers.

April 12 has been set aside for their annual art auction presented by Beaux Arts of Toronto. A variety of paintings, sketches and sculptures will be offered at prices substantially below

gallery prices. The location for the auction is Holy Cross Auditorium and the initial viewing begins at 7 p.m.

#### For more information call 877-6163. Pinegrove euchre

By KAY WILSON

Herald Correspondent

NORVAL - Pinegrove Community euchre which was postponed because of weather conditions Monday was beld Wednesday evening in place of the Norval Women's Institute euchre at Webb's Flowers.

There were 11 tables in play. Winners were Florie Alcott, Marie Murray, Chester Early and Wilmer Mason. The lucky draw went to Manley Denamore, Mac Alexander and Joyce Tilson.

### Family asthma program

The Halton Lung Association will be starting up their family asthma program at Georgetown District High School April 20.

The program continues each Saturday until May 25. All children with asthma and their families are invited to attend this exercise, swim and educational program.

For more information call 832-8499.

Puppet show

# Reeps cruelty away from school yard

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff

With the influx of handicapped and trainable retarded entering the school systems, Benny McLeod would like to give students a better understanding of

"Kids on the Block -North Halton", a puppet show delivering the message, will be presented March 23, at 1:30

By ROBIN BAKEWELL

Herald Staff

lose when Wintario

arrives in town with a

bevy of entertainment,

The project is a joint

operation between the

Georgetown Kinsmen

and Georgetown District

High School, where the

get underway at 9 p.m.,

will be preceded by lots

of local entertainment

scheduled for a 6:30

Confirmed acts for the

entertainment segment

include the Georgetown

High School Alumni

Choir, the GDHS Band,

singers Debbie Tilson

and Edgar Thatcher

(who will also be solo-

ing on guitar) and stand-

up comic Paul d'Entre-

many community

Commerce and town

councillor and local

historian John McDon-

ald, is now being sorted

into a short presentation

on the profile of the town

for television airing.

the Chamber

Information from

organizations, including, money for CF.

mont.

The draw, which will

event will be held.

March 28.

Lucky or not, you can't

Mrs. McLeod and her committee are asking representatives from north Halton schools to attend the show, the public and any organizations which may be

with the limited number of sents available only those who really want to see the presentation or who would come out and p.m. at the John Elliott be supportive and help-

Wintario coming to town

interested. She is quick to add that

"We've got to get 60

minutes of information

into one minute,"

McLean, chairman of

Fibrosis Foundation.

on to the school from the

He said refreshments

the event would provide

Kinsmen.

explained

mén Club.

people. Feeling lucky?

it," Mrs. McLeod sald. Bruce

The reaction of the children is evident the Wintario project for the Georgetown Kinsthrough questions which they are invited to ask Mr. McLean said through the presentamoney raised from the

1,000 people expected to be on hand for the event would go into several Kinsmen projects including magnetic hockey nets for Alcott arena, special telephone equipjust blossamed." ment for the deaf, a

hospital project and a The Kids on the Block donation to the Cystic Tom Hewer, who is on the organizing end at GDHS, said rental fees March 23 presentation for the school's gymnasium have been waived in exchange for a donatifrom the afternoon.

the puppets, which cost sold by the students at . \$3,000, by Jan. 1986 with school presentations ten-

GDHS will have the option of receiving a While schools are the special temporary license to sell Wintario lickets for the draw which they are considering pending the March 11

ful would be appreciat-

The bottom line is that the puppet show is not a free invitation for a family afternoon outing.

The program is presented to students by specially trained adults and Mrs. McLeod said the main aim is to give children better understanding and background of disabled

"The program takes away from the intimidation and cruelness directed towards disabled ' children. Children have not always been confronted with the disabled and through the program will learn how to handle

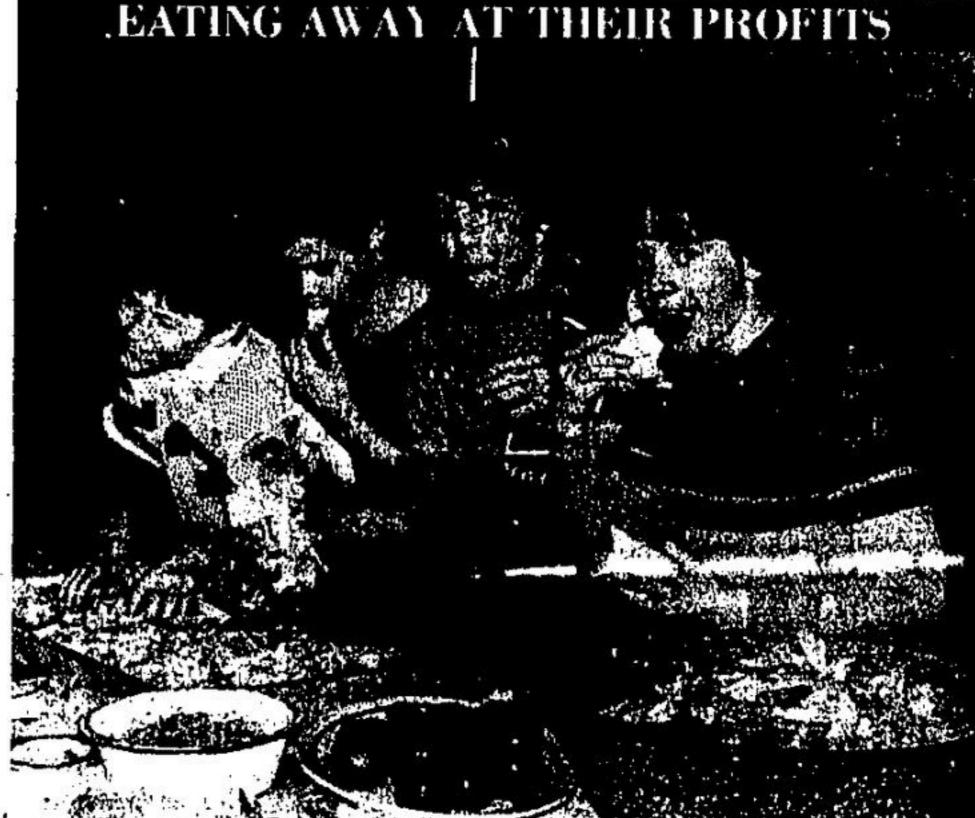
The puppets, which are about three feet high, wear children's clothes and are comprised of many disabilities with a "norm" puppet to inter-

Stating the program, which began in the U.S., is now in many Canadlan communities Mrs. Mc-Leod said, "It's been very well received and as with any good idea it's

North Halton committee will wait and see the response from the community after the and is hoping to initiate funding and volunteers

Mrs. McLeod said she would like to purchase tatively beginning in Sept. 1986.

main target for the program Mrs. McLeod sald churches and other organizations are also worthwhile places for presentations.



Salad bar tenders (left to right) Mike Needham, Mark Shultis, Andre Thibault and Bric Laborte seem to be enjoying their duties at Sacre Coeur Church last week. They were kelping to prepare salad for the French Canadian meal

Saturday. The dinner to celebrate French Week was cancelled praviously because of bad weather. Students participated in the dinner by helping to prepare the food and they acted as waiters and

### Board slashes budget to keep increases down

- Public school taxes up by 3.4%

By ROBIN BAKEWELL Herald Staff

slash in expenditures the finance committee presented the Halton Board of Education's proposed

Chairman of the finance committee, trustee Bill Harrison. said with the difficult economy and board position (on the budget), a reduction in the budget meant a reduction in board programs.

Assistant superintendent of business services reassignment. Ron Warren said with a mill rate increase of 9.5 and services for all per cent there would be school accounts will be an increase of \$65 for a held at the 1984 expenresidence with an asses- diture level and will be sed value of \$7,000.

taxes this year would be and area offices. \$739 if the provincial grant increase la less than one per cent which is expected to be verified. next week.

No expansion of central or area office staff is After a five week planned for 1965 and review and a \$3 million positions presently in the budget have been elimi-

A speech pathologist, social worker, two computer services staff and nine auxiliary staff positions have been elimi-

A freeze on hiring central and area office personnel will come into effect and the staff there will be reduced by 20 per cent over a two year period by attrition and

Controllable supplies less ten per cent over Mr. Warren said the last year for the central

Other reductions include the number of special education teachers from ten to five, the elimination of telephone

service expansion, a reduction in supply teachers accounts, and reductions in secretarial assistance budgets and board committee expenditures.

the budget presented by superintendent of business services Jerry Jenkins, Mr. Harrison went on to say with the limited budget increase the mill rate would not increase over ten per cent.

The percentage increase for the proposed budget, at 3.47 per cent, is the least in the past five years and represents about half of the budget increase of last year's 6.99 per cent. A revised 1965 budget

proposal, presented at Thursday's board meeting, sets the budget at \$155,555,605. In the budget summa-

ry Jerry Jenkins sald it

ments to teachers and staff. Mr. Jenkins explained After a summary of that dental and workmen's compensation payments had increased and cited the whole fringe benefit plan as increasing by approxi-

> Another large increase in transportation costs totalling almost \$400,000 or about a nine per cent increase was attributed to the addition of three new routes for the 1984-85 school year.

mately eleven per cent.

and benefits made up the

majority of the increase.

Approximately 79 per

cent represents pay-

In preparing the budget the board was faced with problems as a minimal increase in grant support from the Ministry of Education, no significant increase in assessment, declining enrolment, and was no secret salaries a \$1.9 million deficit

## David Banks, GDHS in top decathlon form



It may be only a six man team, but the Georgetown District High School students competing in the March 2 Academic Decathion had lots of support, behind them. Representing GDHS were Vicki Champ, David Banks, Charile Gibbs, Andrea

Norgate, Dan Stewart and Nell Sivertson. Teachers who acted in various capacitles as coaches were Isabel Thompson, Betty Tamas, Judith Gooding, Kathy Bowman, Sheens Kewley, Bob Kee, Tim Lightfoot, Penny Ridley and Verna Linney.

Herald Special Georgetown's David Banks took the top score in the second Canadian Academic Decathlon held March 2.

Mr. Banks paced the Georgetown District High School six-man team to a second place finish against schools from Halton, Hamilton and Alberta.

Students gathered at Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington to compete in 10 academic events.

This year, the scope of the Canadian Academic Decathlon, in which students compete in ten academic events, was widened to include high schools from Halton County, Hamilton and Alberta.

Next year, Alberta plans to host a Western Canadian event and bring winners to compchampions. An Academic Grey Cup is in the making. Individual team

members from GDHS

won 15 medals in the events. Gold medal winners were: Vicki Champ, David Banks and Charlie Glbbs: silver medal winners were: Dan Stewart, Vicki Champ, Charlle Gibbs, David Banks and Andrea Norgate; bronze medal winners were: Nick Parker, David Banks, 2, Dan Stewart, 2, Neil Sivertson and Andrea Norgate, David Banks achieved the highest individual score of all students partici-

pating. Coaches, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Kewley, Mrs. Gooding, Mr. Kee, Mr. Lightfoot, Mrs. Linney, Mrs. Tamas, Mrs. Ridley and Mrs. Thomp-

son were delighted with the team's performance. The Academic Decathlon is a competition con-

sisting of ten academic

events in which a six man team competes. The teams are composed of two A students, two B students and two C students and alternates

in the three areas. Studenis must write an essay, deliver a prepared and an imprompts

speech and be interviewed by a panel of judges. Then they write forty minute examinations in mathematics, science, English literature and grammar, social science, fine arts, economics, and a super quiz (a multi-discipline test).

The International Academic Decathlon meets every four years in the Olympic city. The next one will be held in Seoul.

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