



### UP, UP AWAY

Youngsters at Joseph Gibbons Public School get a higher view of the hot air balloon that was in their playground Thursday. Pilot Hakan Colling had his balloon with the Rex logo on it and flew it across town. He filled the balloon up with hot air and was launched on his journey across Georgetown from the Joseph Gibbons school playground.

(Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

## YMCA proposal gets first base approval

By ROBIN BAKWELL, Herald Staff

In a close vote trustees said yes to a proposal to provide space for daycare in elementary schools.

The YMCA's "First Base" program is for

children between the ages of six and ten and will be in areas of need in the community.

Trustee Dick Howitt said he saw "an awful lot of potential for tremendous problems" before the vote.

He said the program would interfere with staff who may need the room used to prepare for the day. He raised legal, transportation, staff and discipline questions and said parents he had talked to who first agreed with the program changed their minds when confronted with the problems.

Trustee Anne Fairfield said she thought parents deserve more information on the program.

"It appears we can offer half a loaf and a half loaf is better than no loaf at all," she said.

The program is the responsibility of the YMCA and will run at no cost to the Halton Board of Education.

Offered at schools in and around the Toronto and Hamilton areas, the YMCA estimates the cost at about \$1.60 per hour for the parents.

### Window smashed

About \$350 in damages occurred to the House of Buddha when a window was smashed there Saturday.

Police are treating the Georgetown incident as willful damage.

## POLICE BEAT

### Police receive donation

The Georgetown detachment of the Halton Regional Police Force have received a new station wagon compliments of the Halton Safety Council.

The Chevrolet Celebrity will be used by safety officer Rod Beaumont for the various safety programs in Halton Hills.

The Halton Safety Council made the donation at the police commission meeting Thursday.

Sergeant Dave Atkinson said it's the first time the force has used a front wheel drive vehicle in its safety programs which have been previously characterized by the big vans.

### 21 year old pensioner

Halton regional police have arrested a 21 year old Downsview man and charged him with possession of stolen property after he had been cashing pension cheques in Georgetown.

A store in Glen Williams fell victim in cashing two of the cheques and a Main Street, Georgetown shop cashed one. The cheques were for \$276.54 each.

### Cheques didn't shine

Halton regional police are investigating a fraudulent cheque cashing scheme which has already netted about \$2,000.

The cheques originate from the Clean Shine Company which is a Toronto based firm no longer in existence.

### Gas barbecue thieves

Sergeant Roy Smith said the beginning of gas barbecue thefts has arrived for the season.

An RR2 Acton residence had one of the summer items taken from its front yard on Sunday worth about \$270.

Sgt. Smith said between 30 and 40 gas barbecues were stolen last summer and urges residents to secure them with chains.

### Fled on foot

Halton regional police are investigating after an Oldsmobile drove across the grass and hit a tree causing approximately \$3,000 in damages on McNabb Street in Georgetown.

Police said the driver fled on foot.

### Impaired driver

A 21 year old Acton man has been charged with care and control of a vehicle while his ability was impaired by alcohol.

Halton regional police found the man with his vehicle in a ditch on Highway 25 about 4 a.m. Sunday. He is also charged with having liquor readily available.

### Acton fire suspect

Halton regional police have made an arrest in the \$50,000 fire on Main Street North in Acton, April 9.

Michael Pehura, 20, a Cedar Spring Hotel resident, has been charged with setting fire to a substance. The fire broke out on the second floor of the building owned by Ontario Plastics Limited.

The house had been unoccupied since Dec. 1984.

### Shed, barn fire

Firefighters were called to keep a shed fire under control at 22 Sideroad and Highway 7, Thursday afternoon. The Halton Hills Fire Department said the shed was half torn down at the time of the blaze and the cause is unknown. There was no damage estimate available.

### New storage facility

## Varian plant will expand

Herald Special

A host of town officials were on hand for the ground breaking ceremony initiating the start of a 60 per cent expansion at Varian Canada in Georgetown.

Mayor Russ Miller, regional chairman Peter Pomeroy, councillors Jake Kuiken, Peter Norton and Pam Sheldon, chief building inspector and zoning administrator Ken Richardson, site planning review committee member Mike Armstrong, police department district inspector Wayne Jessop, Halton Hills Fire Chief

Bill Cunningham, Dave Kentner, representing the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Ted Evans from McNally Construction were all present for the Friday morning ceremonies.

Construction of the two-storey expansion is expected to be completed by November.

The receiving and stores operation which is presently operating from a building on Armstrong Avenue will be relocated to the River Drive facility.

The additional space will also be used for the 20 to 30 per cent sales growth the company

expects over the next few years.

Varian Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary of Varian Associates of California, was originally incorporated in 1955 to supply microwave tubes to the Canadian government.

The company's manufacturing capabilities have increased to the point where they now produce four major product lines of which 80 per cent are exported to markets around the world.

The most common use of Varian products is in the North American telephone and television

communication networks. The tubes manufactured in Georgetown are used along communication routes to amplify and transmit signals.

No large staff increase is expected as a result of the expansion as staff from the Armstrong Avenue location will be transferred. The company presently employs about 350 people.

### CNE day

Mark it on your calendar. Aug. 15 is the day to go to the CNE. That's when the town will have a chance to show off its local talent and appeal.

Mayor Russ Miller said the town was invited to have a display booth promoting the town from noon to 8 p.m. that day.

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### LEGION LINES

By LLOYD HOUNSELL, Herald Special

There will be fishing again this year at Glen Haffey May 26 and September 8. There will be people available to offer help and instructions and to learn the fundamentals. Boats will also be available. Further information and directions may be obtained from the Stewards.

The Crib banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. for 7 p.m. on Friday May 3 and not as stated in the "Summit".

**CAR DRAW:** Winners March 28: 189 Mike Lorusso, 214 Gerry Wallace, 188 Jane Terry, 211 Carrie McFarlane, 419 Lynn McCorry, 58 Max Stafford, April 4th: 441 Sam Cresswell, 162 Al Redmond, 398 Norman Marchment, 109 H and D Hyde, 495 L. Bastedo, 339 M. McDonough, April 11th: 367 Dennis McLay, 482 Helen Cloutier, 411 Les Langlois, 369 Jim McNiven, 92 Frank King, 218 George Powell, April 18th: 95 Carol Copland, 485 H.G.L., 496 Marion Roberts, 314 Danny Fraser, 199 Bobbie Bell, 110 Francis Hulme, April 25th: 237 Marg Appleyard, 226 Trudy Paul, 48 Carol Hall, 496 Marion Roberts, 106 D 7 M. Irwin, 90 Kay Ledwidge.

**ECURE:** April 26, Ladies: 1st Lilly Maybanks, 2nd Myra Pensey, Booby Grace Lawrence, Men: 1st Gordon Harley, 2nd Bernie Pustethwaite, Booby Camille Turcotte.

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