

History first hand

Korean visitor speaks to GDHS

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Brian talks about season

Georgetown native Brian Hayward is home now after a very successful season with Winnipeg Jets. The 24-year-old said Edmonton Oilers are his pick to win the Stanley Cup. See sports C1.



BRIAN HAYWARD

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Two members of the Georgetown Fire Department get set to cut the roof of a house on Market St. The house was on fire, and the two firefighters were sawing the roof when it went up in flames.

Below are sequence shots of the firefighters' climb on to the roof. For further photos see A7.

(Herald photos by Dan Ralph)

Two toddlers escape flames in \$130,000 Market St. fire

By ANI FEDERIAN
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Two toddlers and their mother escaped a fire that caused considerable damage to their Market Street, Georgetown, home Thursday morning.

Tina Vanden Top and her sons Jason, 3, and Steven, 1, got out without injuries, as flames consumed the second and third floors of 49 Market St.

The \$130,000 fire began in the living room couch and is believed to have been caused by children playing with matches.

Ms. Vanden Top was asleep when her three-year old woke her up.

"The child had been up before the mom, and she has admitted leaving her smoking materials on the sofa," Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said.

Firefighters were called to the home at 7:33 a.m. and didn't leave till three hours later.

Mr. Hyde said the fire was an extremely stubborn one because of the age of the building and the fact it had been reconstructed a number of times.

"It led to the fatigue of a lot of the guys," the deputy chief said. Fortunately none of them were injured.

In the older part of town, the home belongs to Ms. Vanden Top's father Harry Vanden Top. Just two days earlier, Harry Vanden Top and his wife left for a vacation in Holland.

A tenant on the third floor, Mark Galbraith wasn't home at the time, having gone to Sudbury. He lived in the

converted attic of the house.

Mr. Hyde pointed out there were no smoke detectors in the house.

"If the three-year old had not woken his mother, there's a favorable possibility we would have had a fatality - multiple fatalities," the deputy chief said.

"At the price of smoke detectors today, it's inconceivable people are living without them," Mr. Hyde said.

When firefighters, 18 of them, arrived at the home, flames were pouring out the windows. To ventilate the building and release the smoke, heat and gas building up inside, two of them climbed onto the roof and punched a hole in it, he said.

"It was a dangerous spot to be in," Mr. Hyde commented.

Although the second and third floors of the home went up in smoke, there was absolutely no fire damage on the main floor, he said.

"The guys did an excellent job of salvage operations," Mr. Hyde said.

The home has sustained considerable water damage to the structure, but all the furniture on the main floor is intact, with not a drop of water on it, the deputy fire chief said.

The home and its contents were insured by the Vanden Tops. However, Mr. Galbraith's apartment contents weren't, Mr. Hyde said.

The fire marshal's office will not be investigating this blaze, he said, as the cause has been determined.

Auditor says town has good finances

The town's A-one shape, according to its auditor Graeme Goebelle.

Mr. Goebelle said so to town Coun. Harry Levy Monday night as the 1984 financial statements were presented to general committee.

Coun. Levy was looking for reassurance, say-

ing town staff have told him Halton Hills is "financially okay."

"If you're not in good shape, my job is to point it out."

The town had a \$472,000 surplus in its 1984 budget, thanks to higher investment, grant and taxation revenues last year, and below

budget spending.

What are councillors doing with the nearly half a million dollars?

They're transferring \$372,000 of it into their unallocated capital reserve account for future projects, and considering the remainder a surplus to lower 1985 taxes.

Seniors petition town for crosswalk

By ANI FEDERIAN
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Senior citizens in the Sargent Road residence want a crosswalk with overhead signs and flashing amber lights across Mountainview Road in Georgetown.

"With the traffic, we're having a hard time getting across," Mabel Brownlow told The Herald. Using the traffic lights at Campbell Gate isn't the solution. She said the lights change too quickly for the elderly to make their way across.

Seniors can only get halfway across Mountainview before the lights change, so it takes them two lights to make it over, Mrs. Brownlow said.

Several of them making that crossing had verbal abuse hurled at them from young drivers, like "You old fogies, get off the street," she said.

busy on the weekend, Mrs. Brownlow, president of the 38-unit seniors' residence association, collected 500 signatures on a petition asking for street markings, overhead signs and flashing amber lights at the Sargent and Mountainview Roads intersection.

Right now, there is a crosswalk on the north corner of Mountainview and Sargent Roads. However, it's only marked on the road surface and there are no warning overhead lights to make it more visible to drivers.

"In the wintertime, you can't see the street markings for the crosswalk," Sargent Road resident Paul Elliott said.

Along with lights, the seniors would like the crosswalk moved to the south corner of Mountainview and Sargent Roads. It will mean they won't have to cross Sargent Road first before being able to cross Mountainview.

Don Knight rides 'winds of change'

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

Riding on the winds of change is how Liberal Don Knight explained his victory in Halton-Burlington last Thursday.

After 42 years of Tory rule, the electorate wanted changes, Mr. Knight said.

The final tally in Halton-Burlington reflected a strong showing for Liberal leader David Petersen throughout the province.

Mr. Knight won 14,906 ballots, compared to 14,777 for his nearest rival Peter Pomeroy from the Progressive Conservative camp. The NDP collected 4,902 ballots and Trillium Party candidate Nell Sivertson mustered 661 votes.

Lacing up his red running shoes 32 days ago when he was acclaimed as the Liberal candidate, Mr. Knight went on to establish himself as a serious challenger to the high profile PC candidate Peter Pomeroy.

By 8:15 p.m. as the results started flowing from the returning office, it became apparent a red Liberal sunset was falling across many parts of the province.

Many Grit supporters felt that Mr. Knight won the MPP crown for two reasons. One was the Progressive Conservative provincial campaign strategy and the need for a change in the province, plus the strong appeal of the Liberal Halton-Burlington candidate in talking about the issues.

Still others said Mr. Knight benefitted by running in a Liberal riding that has been held by Norval's Julian Reed since 1975.

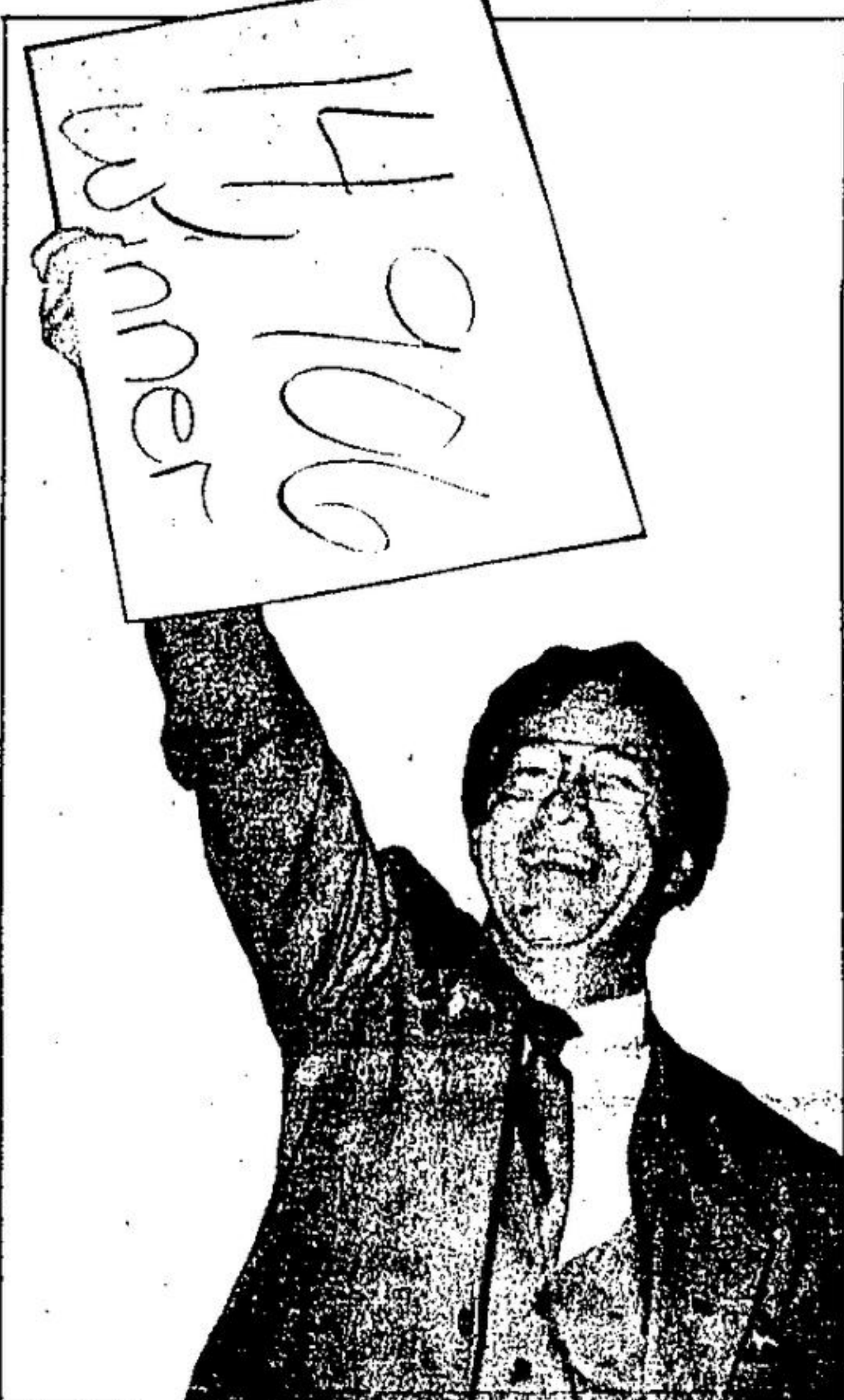
Mr. Knight, 43, took an aggressive strategy in the campaign, stressing the need for a strong candidate who would not be "muzzled" by party policy and keying on local issues in the riding such as toxic waste disposal.

A Peter Pomeroy supporter from Georgetown felt there was an "anti-Miller, anti-Blue Machine" feeling about the election. Said Paul Campbell: "There's a tremendous anti-PC vote across the province, because they've been there so long."

Mr. Pomeroy came within 179 votes of making Halton-Burlington a Tory riding.

But many Progressive Conservative observers thought Mr. Miller's low profile in the campaign and the separate school issue hurt the party.

The defeat was enough to make Mr. Pomeroy re-consider his political future. As councillor, mayor and regional chairman, Mr. Pomeroy, until May 2, had never



While a happy Liberal candidate Don Knight signals his win with a card showing the total of votes he mustered in Halton-Burlington, his family applaud loudly below the stage. His wife Linda, daughter Barbara and son Geoff wait for their chance to congratulate the winner. Mr. Knight, 43, is a Milton town councillor and the former owner of an insurance brokerage firm.



been defeated in the political arena.

In the NDP camp, campaign manager Tom Moore was disappointed the party didn't fare better in the election, especially with

unemployment as a top issue.

Mr. Moore said the vote indicated there was a need for a change, but the change came in the form of more Liberal votes. People wanted a

Town monitors teams

If the minor soccer and baseball players using the sportsfields between M.Z. Bennett Public School and Churchill Boulevard don't cooperate, the town isn't going to let them play ball anymore.

Already, the town's undertaken a realignment of the sportsfields, relocating the ball diamond away from neighboring houses, as a response to a petition from area residents last fall.

ABOUT THE HILLS

Mothers Day crafts

Come to a Mother's Day tea-bake and craft sale Sunday May 12 at Holy Cross Church after each morning mass - 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 12 noon. St. Francis of Assisi School invites you to this social event presented by the parents association.

Come and share in fellowship, home baking and look at the crafts for last minute gift items.

Rovers at Queens Park

Three young people from Halton Hills will meet the Lieutenant-Governor at a special ceremony May 11 at Queen's Park, Toronto.

The occasion is the presentation of The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, known as Canada's most prestigious achievement award for youth, is a challenge from Prince Philip to all Canadians between the ages of 14 and 25 to excel at leisure-time activities of public service, journey of explorations, skills or hobbies and fitness.

Invited to attend the ceremony from the Georgetown area, Ron Rock of Silvercreek Drive, Mark Siddall of Delrex Boulevard and Laurie Williams of Hornby, all members of the 1st Lighthouse Rovers.

Non-smoking clinic

The Halton Lung Association is offering another "countdown smoking cessation clinic" at Georgetown District High School Rm. N 107 May 28.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and continues for five weeks. Register by phone at the Halton Lung Association by calling 632-8499.

The fee for the clinic is \$50.

Appleyard here May 16

The Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries announced that The Peter Appleyard Quintet will appear in concert at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown May 16 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for this event are priced at \$10 per person and include admission to a Gala Reception in the Centre's Gallery, following the concert.

Members of the "Friends" may order tickets in advance of general sale by phoning the Library at 877-2681. Non-members may purchase tickets at the Georgetown and Acton Libraries starting May 1.

Clean out that closet

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will conduct a "Green Bag" collection of donated new, or used clothing in good clean condition, at Holy Cross Church Sunday morning.

The bags may be dropped at the bottom of the stairs, in front or back of the church hall. Please donate only seasonal clothing since our storage space is very limited. Thank you.

Terry Fox run

The Georgetown Terry Fox Run for 1985 will be held Sept. 15 said Pat Powers, a member of the group organizing the run.

The final tally for the 1984 run in Georgetown was \$1,930. The run has managed to collect more money each year since it began, she said.