

## Tourism: let's not ignore it

Halton's tourism study couldn't have come at a better time.

While the streets of Acton and Georgetown look barren on a hot, sunny, mid-summer's day, a tourism study is winding down.

It's telling us how to attract new visitors to Halton Region and Halton Hills.

While a few of the suggestions may sound outlandish, there's some good advice squeezed in between the covers.

The report suggests an increased spending on promoting sites most likely to interest tourists.

Halton Region doesn't have a common identity from a traveller's standpoint, but there are collective themes that could be stressed in a major promotion.

The Region is blessed with a variety of interesting places to visit. We need to get that information out to tourists so they won't just pass us by on their way to Niagara Falls or Toronto.

The study will hopefully gain acceptance and be of interest to the business community. We have to start thinking more about the economic benefits of tourism to Halton Hills.

The study's real message is that Halton shouldn't be left behind when considering the tourism dollar. Increased tourism will help to ease unemployment and will benefit already established businesses.

## Not productive

A recent discussion about the development of property by the International Peace Camp was poorly handled. Two weeks ago council went to the trouble of holding a special meeting to allow Speyside residents a chance to voice their concerns.

Since 1983 residents in the area surrounding the property on the Milton, Halton Hills town line have been seeking answers about the rural property.

Although the meeting was hastily called, invited representatives from the Milton town council decided not to attend. Local Halton Hills councillors could have used their support.

In addition, there weren't any representatives from the Niagara Escarpment Commission, except Acton's Dave Whiting. The NEC plays a part in the jurisdiction over the land use.

Because they only accept written submissions and don't hold public meetings, it would have been an invitation worth accepting.

But the lawyer representing the International Peace Camp botched the meeting's purpose by refusing to divulge what everyone wanted to know. He, instead, asked for a single trailer permit to ward off vandalism.

Councillors and residents affected by the property want to know what the Peace Camp has in store for future development. At one time a plan had been proposed for a massive recreational facility, but today everyone's still in the dark.

The Peace Camp property has been a major concern in town although the land is but a small parcel tucked away in the corner of Halton Hills.

The town and residents need support in their talks with the Peace Camp lawyers and representatives.

In turn, the landowners need to come clean with their plans for developing their property.



"We can only afford a vacation if you hand deliver the postcards."

## Moves to cripple Pony



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

One thing is certain. Ontario legislators aren't going to mount a Pony and ride off into the sunset. In fact, they seem to want to cripple it before it gets to run.

The Hyundai Pony, built in South Korea, was one of the first targets here of the new Liberal government's campaign against automobile imports.

In true, smothering Ontario fashion, the Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats cheered them on. Dissent from the Grits' blinkered, inward-looking, protectionist viewpoint was nil.

Together, they even passed a resolution on auto imports urging the federal government to force Canadian content regulations on foreign manufacturers.

From the comments made by Industry and Trade Minister Hugh O'Neill, Tory critic Andy Brandt and NDP Leader Bob Rae, both in debate and elsewhere, Hyundai and the Japanese were the main targets.

### MUCH DIFFERENT

Though the cases are different, both attacks are wrong-headed.

The argument against Japanese car manufacturers is that they take 18 per cent of our market but neither purchase many parts nor invest here.

Compared to the \$5 billion in investment the Japanese have poured into the United States, with the less than \$120 million that has come into Canada.

The demand from the Ontario legislators is that the Japanese be kept out unless they start acting "fair".

What the O'Neils, Brandts and Raes don't say, of course, is that trade between Canada and Japan is actually in rough balance. We imported \$5.7 billion worth of goods in 1984 and exported \$5.6 billion.

What the Ontario politicians are really crying about is that Ontario exported only \$428 million while importing \$2 billion. In short, the rest of the country has a surplus with Japan while Ontario has a deficit.

### SEEK REVENGE

If we discriminate heavily against Japanese imports, will they retaliate against the imports they take from Canada? We aren't the U.S., which buys \$40 billion more from Japan than it sells to it.

Then there is the South Korean Pony.

O'Neill wants the existing duty-free status of the car ended and a 10 per cent tariff slapped on it. How unfair, he implies, that a developing country can actually produce a quality product cheaply and ship it here to compete with our over-priced domestic products.

Yet O'Neill and his fellow politicians are always talking about how important foreign aid is, how it makes them feel good to help their fellow man rise to the industrialized status of the West.

Sure. That's as long as it doesn't hurt any domestic industry.

### GOOD CHOICE

How much better to help South Korea through purchasing its products than through handouts. (Note that the Pony's duty-free status ends in 1987, anyway.)

In 1984 Canadian imports from South Korea reached \$1.3 billion, our exports \$7 billion. Hyundai, as O'Neill admits, outdoes the Japanese in purchasing Canadian auto parts and is building a \$25 million parts plant north of Toronto.

So let's punish them for success in a tough business.

The Big Three auto companies and the United Auto Workers should be very happy about how their tame legislators are acting.

## Rat Pack usurp NDP



### Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

If it wasn't for the Rat Pack, I suspect that the New Democratic Party would, for all practical purposes, be the "real opposition" in Parliament.

This was the role that NDP Leader Broadbent was, and pledged, for his 30-member caucus following last September's election, which reduced the once-powerful Liberals to 40 MPs. With the New Democrats more or less

holding their own, despite widespread speculation to the contrary, and with the Liberals devastated and demoralized, Mr. Broadbent had every right to assume his party would become the more effective opposition.

The NDP might have entered the new Parliament with 10 fewer seats than the Grits, but they were vastly more experienced in the role of opposition. The Liberals, being the natural governing party for most of the previous 50 years, were generally novices when it came to attacking government.

At the federal level, the New Democrats were born and raised in opposition.

For the first few months of the current session, it appeared that Mr. Broadbent's assessment would be acc-

urate. The New Democrats not only came up with the best questions when it came to getting under the government's still-sensitive skin, but they asked them with more effect than the Liberals. And the NDP attacks were well co-ordinated by their experienced MPs. The Liberals, on the other hand, seemed confused, unco-ordinated, and with little apparent heart for the one-sided battle they faced.

### SPOTTY PERFORMANCES

And for a large number of Liberals — those who were expected to wield the heavy artillery — this remains the case. While Mr. Turner's own personal performance has improved, it remains spotty at times. And such former heavyweights as Jean Chretien and Andre Ouellet haven't been exactly electrifying the Commons.

The Liberals therefore can thank heaven for the "Rat Pack," the four young and exuberant MPs who, by banding together into a Grit hit squad, have caused the Mulroney government more daily discomfort than all opposition MPs combined.

So far as the Tories are concerned, the Rat Pack is a sort of parliamentary terrorist organization — the verbal variety.

It consists of Sheila Copps, 32, from Hamilton, Don Boudria, 39, from eastern Ontario, Newfoundland's Brian Tobin, 30 and Toronto's John Nuziata, 30, who has repeatedly earned the title of "sleazebag" from Justice Minister John Crosbie.

The Rat Pack — they even have T-shirts advertising the name — seem to enjoy this type of attention. They happily dish out similar assessments of Tory MPs.

They have clearly been carrying the can in the daily Commons question period.

It's a rather informal alliance of personal friends and, while they get together frequently to plan their attacks, they don't operate as a sub-caucus and risk the possibility of creating jealousies among colleagues. For instance, in the continuing attack on Solicitor-General Elmer MacKay over the Hatfield affair and his later controversial support for colleague Robert Coates on a sexual harassment charge, the Rat Pack has let former solicitor-general Robert Kaplan occupy centre stage. Mr. Kaplan has also been prominent in the patronage debate involving Justice Minister Crosbie. The Pack has stayed in the wings, engaging in sporadic sniper fire, with an occasional fire bomb from lawyer Nuziata.

All members of the Pack are not always on the attack. In that sexual harassment case, Mr. Nuziata was the first MP to rail against the system which allowed Mr. Coates to be named before any evidence was offered.

## Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Henk Bouwman who arrived from Holland five years ago is opening a bakery at 16 Riverview Crescent. Mr. Bouwman has been a baker since he was 13.

Groomsman Charles Jan Uytendogaart died in Toronto General Hospital from a head injury received the day of Gerald and Joan Dobbie's wedding. He slipped off the bumper he was standing on to direct traffic at wedding festivities at Innes Lake.

Stewarttown farmer Chris Paulin had one of the best wheat yields of the year. The native of Denmark retained almost 60 bushels per acre.

Thomas L. Cook was killed when a bolt of lightning struck his tractor. The Erin farmer was taking a load of hay to his barn to avoid the afternoon storm when struck.

Five applicants will replace resigning police constable Alexander MacLeod. Seven applicants were interviewed.

Mrs. Iva Margeson will be returning to Cedarvale School for girls after a two year absence. Her replacement during those two years, Lois Kidd, returned to Matheson.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—The Royal Bank of Canada in Hillsburgh was successfully robbed by three men wearing long-haired wigs and coveralls. The robbery which took four minutes cost the bank \$18,000 to \$28,000.

Bob McMaster is hoping a War Memorial will one day be built for Glen Williams on the south side of the bridge of the river bank across from Preston's store.

An estimated 10,000 children are to be vaccinated against German measles over the next two years in Halton. The policy is to deal with children in the early school years," Dr. J.H. Chamberlain said.

David Warren, a former resident of Georgetown, is now a news correspondent for the Bangkok World in Thailand. David's interests are in political science and foreign affairs.

Darrell Street, 11, is the latest to sink a hole-in-one at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club. It was scored on the 149 yard 17th hole.

TEN YEARS AGO—Don Miller won the North Halton Club Championship with a 72-hole score of 309. Dave Convery was second with 315.

Georgetown lawn bowlers won two of three events at the Inventional Mixed Trebles Tournament. Teams from Milton and Guelph competed.

The cottage in Cedarvale Park is no longer big enough for the senior citizens' purposes. The Senior Citizens Club of Georgetown would like to use the Stewarttown Hall.

Hugh Wright, 14, of Heather Court was seriously hurt when he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle. He was sent to Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital and should be home soon.

Charles Crimes, President of the Downtown Businessmen's Association, plans to have the Tower clocks on Mill Street revived. The clock were installed in the tower shortly after the building was constructed in 1937.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Terry Fox finally arrived in Halton Hills after many announcements of his arrival failed to materialize. Terry made a detour to visit the area.

Gerry Inglis has been named the new coach of the Georgetown Intermediate A hockey club.

Georgetown Radio Shack dealer Leonard Day announced his company will be holding their second annual campaign to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

Tracey Adema, the baby who was rescued from a burning home two weeks ago, returned home from Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. She is in good health.



By PAT WOODE  
Herald Columnist

At present the federal government is holding hearings to determine the popularity of Canadian involvement in Star Wars and also free trade with the USA. The second set is of the greater importance to the disabled.

Social services are determined largely by the amount of money the various governments have to spend. Currently we are in a deficit position.

In Canada there are 13 major administrative jurisdictions (federal, provincial, and territorial). The USA has over 50. Each of these set their own priorities.

A company wishing to maximize its profits would locate in an area most favourable to its own interests. Tax rates are part of these considerations.

Many locations in the USA do not provide the extensive social benefits available in Canada and this is reflected in their taxes. Other cost incentives are market accessibility, labour, and transportation.

Under free trade, most parts of Canada would see lower prices for imported items. Industrialized areas would see an erosion of the tax base as local companies fold under the price pressure of foreign giants or move south to join them.

With fewer companies to collect taxes from, Canada as a whole would be forced to cut back on services.

As in the past, each jurisdiction will continue to guard its borders. Midwestern States' pork policy will cost Canadians an estimated 2.5 billion dollars including spin-offs.

The USA is also studying a motion to limit Canadian lumber, not because we subsidize it, but because we do not tax it enough. The Americans are not going to be willing to share a tax base in order to provide money for foreigners (Canadians) to have more social benefits.

If you wish to make your opinions heard, address your comments to this hearing and your MP.

### Letters to the editor

## Brother's tribute to Indra Kalsi

Dear Sir,  
I am writing this letter to you in the wake of the destruction of the Air India Kanishka Flight 182. This disaster has affected the course of my life since it claimed the life of my younger sister, Indra Kalsi.

I have only begun to realize that this wonderful girl is not coming back and for this reason her family and friends would like to convey to your readers that this was not an ordinary girl.

Yours sincerely,  
Indra's brother,  
Pradeep Kalsi.



beautiful girl with a heart as wide as the ocean and a mind as deep.

Her earlier years finds her working tirelessly as a volunteer Candy Stripper, content in the knowledge of helping others. Her first love was working in nursing homes where she developed a close bond with the residents. Many times the residents would specifically call only for Indra to accompany them on a stroll or share their supper or just to chat, since it taking the lives of those aboard.

The disaster may have robbed them of their precious lives but they will always be kept alive by their life histories and memories within their families and friends for generations to come.

As each and every one of those lives are equally precious, I must single out the one I knew best, that of my sister, Indra Kalsi. She was a small

Many would just drop in to see her smiling cheerful face. I remember that her boss admired her so much that he thought of her as his own daughter.

Indra gave her family everything she had and cared for and loved them so much. She practically raised her older and younger brothers and

looked after them as much as her mother. In return she only wanted their happiness.

Indra's dream was to visit India, the country she wanted to adopt and it was to be her maiden voyage. Her goal was to help her ailing grandmother and to donate her nursing skills and talent to that country.

She constantly seemed

Dear Sir,  
I would like to thank the following for their dedication and hard work in making the Tornado Relief Dance such a great success:

Georgetown Firefighters Association, Georgetown Lions Club, Georgetown Ladies Powder-puff League, Boehmers (Howard Murphy), Hiram Walkers and Sons (Charles Henderson), Molson Breweries (Brian Campbell), Robbie Lane and the Disciples, Park Lincoln Mercury (Paul, Jim and Walt), Dixie Cup of Canada (Lynn Herrington), Cooper Rental (Bill Cherry), K and W Food Services, McDonalds (Finn Arnold), Roos Travel, Banvil (Al Batman), H and H Video (Fred and Millie), Delrex Smoke Shop (Fred Harris), Burger King

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POEM FOR JASPER  
There was a young man named Jasper  
The best mailman you could ask for,  
He walked Edith St.  
And Park Ave. on his beat.  
He's renown from Georgetown to Alaska.

Now Jasper delivered our mail,  
Everyday, through the rain, sleet or hail.  
In shorts of royal blue,  
Or his yellow cape too,  
In any weather he smiled without fail.

But Jasper has now been assigned  
To a route up and down the 9th Line.  
He'll be missed by us all,  
Howie, Hener, Dylan et al.

A more patient mailman you never will find.  
Sheila Burns and the ladies of the "exclusive" Park area.  
Georgetown