

Letter to the editor

Baseball--is it alive, or well, in Georgetown?

Dear Sir,
Baseball is "alive and well" - or is it? Sunday's (Sept. 8) "Day of Champs" marked the end of the Georgetown Baseball Association's house league action and with it the future of this association is very much in doubt.
Key members of the executive, for varying reasons will not be returning next year and with the diminished number of individuals involved this year the prospects for a strong, experienced and knowledgeable nucleus are in

doubt.
Too few attempting to do so much has certainly put a strain on the effective operation of the house league this summer.
Ironically enough though there appeared to be an abundance of parents who appeared at the park on a regular basis but professed other commitments which prevented them from getting involved. However it never ceases to amaze me when listening and watching the sideline antics of some individuals who suddenly become instant umpires, coaches and administrators. Arm's length criticism is obviously much easier than getting involved.
Next year's executive will have a particularly hard time getting baseball off the ground unless people are willing to commit themselves. Step forward now - not next May or June - now.
The G.B.A. general meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Holy Cross School at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend can do so. The association will be looking for people to fill various positions such as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, umpire in chief, convenors and naturally coaches.
Volunteers to organize fund raising and to run the annual pee-wee tournament sponsored by the G.B.A. are needed. We need someone familiar with the organizational requirements of the Central Ontario Baseball Association (C.O.B.A.) and the Ontario Baseball Association (O.B.A.). Someone willing to attend their monthly meetings in order to keep our organization informed of any developments relevant to baseball.
Now is the time for new faces and new ideas to assure the continued participation of all these players who depend on the responsible adults of this community to provide them with the tools to continue their development. Don't let them down. Saturday is your opportunity to put your sideline ideas into effect. So let's 'play ball'!



JUST ME AND MY PUPS

Leanne Page, 8, of Limehouse, took a rest break with three tiny dogs, Fokie Lady, Major and Buddy. The doggies are full grown Papillons.

In Acton

Chamber wants energy from waste

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The Acton Chamber of Commerce is enthusiastic about having an Energy from Waste plant in Halton Hills to burn the region's garbage.
Monday night, Chamber member Murt Allison presented a two-page memo to the town which expressed unanimous Chamber support for the burning of garbage to create electricity for the town.
"Firstly, we prefer to refer to this project as a viable industry that we are trying to attract to our community rather than another garbage dump," Mr. Allison said.
The transportation costs to take local garbage to Burlington for landfilling or to New York for burning could be minimized by having a local energy from waste plant.

Minimizing transportation costs would reduce taxes for both the residential and industrial sectors of the community, Mr. Allison said.
Although not naming any sites suitable for the plant, the Chamber representative said it could be located in the new industrial areas designated in the town's Official Plan, "whit' no' town."
Residents in the Ontario Place subdivision near Smith and Stone are asking for a three way stop sign at Elena Court and Ontario Street.
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Coun. Carney said residents are appealing the decision to sever the empty Smith and Stone warehouse to a chocolate chip manufacturer from Brampton.
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The town is to consider a recommendation by Coun. Dave Whiting next week that a steering committee be set up with the region to look into an energy from waste plant in Halton Hills.
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inconvenience to the adjacent property owners and a strong possibility of attracting further industry that might feed from it."
Through burning the waste, electrical energy could be created for sale to a high volume user or users, Mr. Allison said.
Or the power could be injected into the Ontario Hydro grid and credit given to Halton Hills Hydro, he suggested. Of course, the town would expect a reduced electricity rate, which would be an incentive to new industry in Halton Hills, Mr. Allison said.
"A project such as this will create employment within Halton Hills and could be the centre of a new industrial complex," he said.
"There has to be a starting point. We approach you as the town fathers of this community that you might take us by the hand and lead us to an area of learning," Mr. Allison said.
Councillors applauded the initiative of the Chamber and said they were glad to have its support.
Energy From Waste was turned down by communities in the region's south when Halton tried to establish one with Ford in Oakville last year. Residents had health and safety concerns.
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Letters to the Editor

Turn a deaf ear to spectators

Dear Sir,
This letter is in reference to Alex Tough's soccer column of Sept. 4. It seems you have a columnist who has vast experience in soccer but knows little about reporting true facts and, like many scribes of today, attempts to use the newspapers to sensationalize a situation.
I refer to his reporting of the Varian soccer team barracking officials.
Any layman reading his column would think that members of this team were unruly and committed infractions against referees on the field of play. This could not be further from the truth.
The facts are that a few members of this team attended two games involving other teams as spectators. As spectators, they have the same rights as any other spectator attending a sporting event, whether it be hockey, basketball or football. There are times when referees make bad calls and as an old referee myself, I usually found that the spectators would let me know first, for all players and coaches were well aware that I was quite capable of handing out discipline if they opened their mouths too loudly.
I remember, many years ago, when I first received my Scottish Football Association Referee's certificate, the old timer instructing us informed me: "From now on, you're blind and if you don't know it right now, the spectators will convince you". His point was that referees should not listen to spectators' comments or they lose control of the game.

Spectators have been, and always will be, an integral part of the game of soccer. The fact that they attend means that they are enthusiastic about the wonderful game. Let's not attempt to make rules that censor their verbal comments.
In conclusion, may I add that all members of the Varian team, including the coaches, appreciate the work and time that all referees put into the game. I am sure the team's conduct on the field of play has already proved this to all of the officials.
One final comment to Mr. Tough that I dug out from the archives: "Open your eyes Alex, you're missing a good game!"
Yours sincerely,
Bill Rannachan,
Varian Coach

Acton would benefit: Pomeroy

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Getting an energy from waste plant in Halton Hills "will be a real leg up for this municipality", regional chairman Peter Pomeroy said Monday night.
He told The Herald a plant that would burn garbage and create electricity could be of real industrial and financial benefit to the town.
"I'm sure the first municipality that makes that kind of offer will be the first one to realize that plan," Mr. Pomeroy said. "I think that's great."

He said he wasn't surprised at the positive welcome the Acton Chamber of Commerce gave to an energy from waste plant in Halton Hills Monday.
"I'm not surprised because I have been speaking to people in Acton," Mr. Pomeroy said. "But I think it's (enthusiasm) a key ingredient in making it happen."
Building such a plant would cost up to \$10 million the regional chairman estimated. The town and region would have to go through a provincial environmental assessment hearing.
"If you have a town that's willing to take it, and a specific area willing to take it, you can go through the environmental assessment quickly," he said.
"We made mistakes in the public participation part of it," Mr. Pomeroy said of the region's failed attempts to establish an energy from waste plant at Oakville's Ford Motor Company.
Residents put up strong protests against the plant, enough to make the company back out of the project. As a result, energy from waste has been put on the regional back burner until public opinion is ready to accept it.
"EFW plants all over the world are environmentally safe," Mr. Pomeroy said. "Where you get into trouble is where you don't have proper maintenance or you don't burn what you were supposed to burn."
He said he would like to see an energy from waste plant just for the north's garbage, which may include Milton, and another in the region's south.
"Probably two in the region would be enough," Mr. Pomeroy said.
He noted Halton Hills has tremendous costs hauling its garbage south, costing over \$180,000 annually.
"Those costs would be substantially reduced if you could tip it here," Mr. Pomeroy said.

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Driver's disregard for life 'sickening'

Dear Sir,
On Saturday the 7th of September at approximately 5:30 p.m. our 16 year old daughter was driving home from her part time job.
A red Pontiac Fiero car driven by a man came across the wrong side of the road forcing her off the road into a farmer's field, through a fence narrowly missing a cow.
He left the scene of the accident without stopping to find out what injury or damage he had caused to our daughter or her car. The accident happened on the 10th Sideroad between the 4th and 5th Lines.
It is very unlikely that the other driver will be identified, we hope he feels remorse. He could have seriously injured or, God forbid, killed our daughter and left her in a field to die on a lonely road.
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Rod and Mavis Eastwood, Regan Cres., Georgetown
Charlie Gibbs, Treasurer, The Students' Council of GDHS

Halton Hills Arts Council

By GRETCHEN DAY
Herald Columnist
THE ARTS AND EDUCATION
The first in a series
In some ways the formal idea of 'the arts and education' is a bit ludicrous. From the time you are born, you are being educated in the arts long before any other curriculum subject. A baby sways to music, listens to mother's lullabies, bounces in a jolly jumper.
A toddler loves to sculpt in mud, paint incredible, colourful creations, swivel their diaper to a beat, create a band with pots and pans, sing off key to nursery songs. All of these activities are enjoyable, fun to do, relaxing, stimulating. They can give a feeling of personal satisfaction at creating something imaginative.
The older we get there seems to be a tendency to move away from these activities from which we got so much pleasure as children. In a rather odd twist, we end up, after a long working day, watching television, doing volunteer work or repairing the roof. Actually, some TV shows are terrific; volunteers are important and always needed, and repairs around the house are a necessary evil.
But of all these activities, what are you really doing just for you, just for fun, just to make you feel better, all on your own?
Some might feel some arts related activities could ruin their macho image. Personally, I think it indicates a certain amount of sensitivity that is rather refreshing. Some may feel that it might affect their corporate image.
To that I say, you will be enhancing your lifestyle, making yourself a more interesting person.
Many natural skills can be applied to

artistic pursuits. Some sculptures require the knowledge of an engineer and the strength of a football player. Music needs a mathematical mind to form the right cord.
Every teacher, minister or politician could put their acting talents to the enjoyable pastime of a play. Anyone interested in science would be fascinated by the chemical combinations used in pottery, silversmithing and print making. Aerobics enthusiasts could put their energy and imagination into dancing on stage.
Fortunately, we have in Halton Hills a variety of arts activities and courses that can give you enjoyment, a little peace at the end of a hard day and a sense of accomplishment. The Credit Valley Artisans is offering a variety of interesting courses this fall, given by talented, enthusiastic teachers - pottery, hand applique, marquetry, watercolour, calligraphy, sculpture, weaving, stained glass and more.
The Georgetown Choral Society is having their song fests each Monday evening. Globe Productions is looking for people interested in musical comedy to take part in the production of Li'l Abner. Georgetown Little Theatre needs a full cast and crew for each of its four productions this year.
An added plus at the end of all productions is a terrific cost party!
The above activities and courses are only a few of many offered throughout our area, none for which you have to be 'artistic' to take part. Simply be willing to learn a new skill and enjoy. I think you'll surprise yourself - pleasantly!
ARTISTIC NOTES - Registration for Credit Valley Artisans' courses, Friday September 13, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, September 14, 10-12 a.m. at the Cottage, Cedarvale Park, Georgetown or mail registrations to the Credit Valley Artisans, Box 162, Georgetown, L7G 4T1. For more information call registrar Fran Anthony, 877-3856.

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