

You'll flip for these pancakes



Yum, yum. Who can turn down a plate full of hot and buttery golden pancakes? Certainly not on Shrove Tuesday (yesterday). Getting ready to wolf down the treats are (front, left to

right) Norman Sheppard, 7, and brother Dave, 11, while members of St. Andrew's United Church youth group, Sarah Gurr, 14, and Scott Webb, 16, man the grill. (Herald photo)

Time to stop the handouts, councillors say

Although two additional studies on the proposed regional landfill sites were approved 17 to 7 last Wednesday by councillors, they roused a chorus of concern over when is it time to say "stop" to further studies.

"I get the feeling sometimes this whole process is completely out of control," Burlington Coun. Rob Forbes said. "It gets to be the feeling if some consultant comes forward and says we need another \$30,000, we feel we have to get it."

He said he regretted not confining the budget to \$1 million in this search for a new regional dump. Currently, spending is approaching the \$2 million mark.

"It's time we said, Oh, that's enough. You spend what we've authorized and not a cent more, or find it from somewhere else," Coun. Forbes said, frustrated. "We have spent far more than anybody would conceivably say is reasonable."

Last week, councillors approved \$90,500 for additional hydrogeologic investigation of the proposed Burlington and Milton dump sites, along with a leachate study worth \$29,823.

"It's easy to say I'm putting a limit on it, but if that's going to affect our case at the (Environmental Protection Act) hearings, that doesn't make sense," Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin said. "We don't know what's required at the hearing. We're at the mercy of those consultants."

He said it was Halton's duty to find

out which of the two proposed sites is the best for a landfill and to put forward the best case possible at the hearings.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said he had a list of 23 reasons why the Burlington site was the worst site for a dump and three of them referred to the hydrology of the site. The city has hired its own consultants to make such a list, and Mayor Bird said he would be making it public soon.

By going for two dump sites, the region brought the extra spending on itself, Milton Coun. Bill Johnston scolded. "I don't like spending taxpayers dollars, I hate like hell spending my own, but it's a necessary evil just the same," he said.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little noted Halton is the first region going through the provincial hearings process and said not every municipality can afford to spend what Halton has spent so far.

"We're just throwing money at it. We're sure setting an example for others that have to go through this exercise. I don't know how small municipalities are going to do it," Coun. Little said.

Burlington Coun. Walter Grieve reminded councillors the end was coming soon. "This is no time to flinch. We're on the eve of resolving the situation and we have to go with absolutely the best information that can be had," he urged councillors.

Coun. Forbes predicted that at the hearings the province is going to tell Halton "you guys spent three times as much as you were supposed to and is going to laugh."

"There has to be a time we say 'No more, nothing. We have nothing to spend,'" Coun. Forbes said.

Coun. McLaughlin said Halton should be laughing at the Ministry of the Environment which suggested the whole process would cost \$200,000, early in the game.

Forced to walk out

Ever see a rape scene with a terrified naked woman trapped by four brutish guys? I couldn't stomach it last Tuesday night when Citizens Against Violent Pornography Chairman Gail Rutherford showed some video clips of violent sex from three films.

Police almost always find violent pornography in the homes of those convicted of sexual murder and mutilation, Gail has learned. Robert Heck, a specialist in serial killings, believes porn isn't benign and there's a connection between it and actual violence.



Staff comment

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I'm not a brave person to start with. As a child I used to cower in the laundry room whenever Dr. Smith caused trouble on "Lost in Space". As a grown-up, I'm no better. I avoid horror films because they tend to haunt my thoughts and dreams, days and years afterward. I'll never forget Roman Polanski's "The Tenant", although I was still in high school when a girlfriend tricked me into seeing it.

Tuesday's selection from "Driller Thriller", "I Spit on Your Grave" and "800 Fantasy Lane" weren't horror in the sense of mystery and impending doom, but they were horror in the sense that someone was in pain. While the other 60 listeners sat put, I wriggled uneasily until finally I couldn't bear the woman's pained screams any more and had to walk out.

Sorry Gail, but as a Mary Tyler Moore and Dick Van Dyke fan, I haven't been "desensitized" to violent porn.

What's the message here? Forced sex, bondage and mutilation are gross.

Personally, I don't want to see blood and gore and degrading sex when I watch a movie. Just as I did Tuesday night, I'll walk out.

If you want to sit through that, fine. Or is it fine? When you listen to Gail's statistics linking violent movies and actual criminal behavior, you tend to want to back off from the civil libertarian view.

"At one extreme, viewing violent pornography may only raise our tolerance for it and wear down the taboos of inflicting pain on others; at the other, it can incite the already unbalanced to re-enact the atrocities they have seen," Mrs. Rutherford says.

Dr. Raoul Huessman has been studying the effects of TV violence for 25 years and has found that people who preferred more violent television at age 8 grew up to be people who committed far more crime, demonstrated more anti-social behavior and ended up in jail more often than those who preferred less violent shows. Those in the violent group also were more physically aggressive with their own children, who preferred even more violent TV than their parents had.

The porn isn't just coming at us in movies and television, it's also in magazines in our corner stores.

Until 1956, Canada had no pornographic magazines. Although the Canadian average is 30 porn magazines on stands, Georgetown is booming with an average of 90 porn magazines per stand, Gail told members of the University Women's Club.

What has the government been doing about this? Basically nothing. Despite three major porn studies by the federal government, the federal justice department still can't come up with a new legal definition of obscenity and John Crosbie is turning out to be no different, as our current Justice Minister.

Maybe the legislation that's rumored to come out in the spring will acknowledge that mature men and women share love and respect, and not degradation and hurt.

Deadline Friday

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is seeking nominations for the annual awards and recognition evening.

The evening is slated for April 2, but nomination forms must be in the hands of the recreation department by Feb. 14.

The awards night is designed to honor outstanding achievements in culture and provincial, national or international champions in sporting events.

For more information call 877-5185 ext. 276 or pick up a nomination form at recreation or newspaper offices in Acton or Georgetown.

General of Canada, will talk about recent political developments in Ottawa, including the sale of De Havilland.

The Association will also be electing their executive and selecting delegates to the annual meeting of the Liberal Party of Canada.

The meeting will be held at the Four Corners Branch of the Brampton Public Library, 65 Queen Street East, Brampton. For more information call 459-2813 or 451-2643.

10 days talk

The Christian Children's Fund of Canada sponsors children and development in countries around the world. The Fund's Director, Craig Copland of Georgetown, will speak about projects in Sri Lanka, India, and elsewhere Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church on Guelph Street. The speaker is presented by 10 churches in the local "10 Days for World Development" group.

Sally Ann speaker

The Salvation Army, Acton Citadel will be hosting Major James Cooper, Territorial Evangelist, at a campaign Feb. 13-16.

Major Cooper, who has been an officer of the Salvation Army for 34 years, has always been an evangelist at heart and the Salvation Army has afforded him many opportunities to preach the gospel.

Feb. 13 and 14, there will be services at 7:30 p.m. At 9 a.m. on the 15th, a Prayer Fellowship Breakfast will be held with tickets available at The Salvation Army. The campaign will conclude on Sunday with 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services. The public is welcome to attend.



Valentine swim

Bring a Valentine for your favorite lifeguard, and if you're wearing red the Recreation Department will let you in free for a swim. The locations are: Acton and Georgetown Pools, Feb. 14, 8 to 9 p.m.

Kaplan speaking

The Honorable Robert Kaplan will be speaking at the Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association's Feb. 18 meeting.

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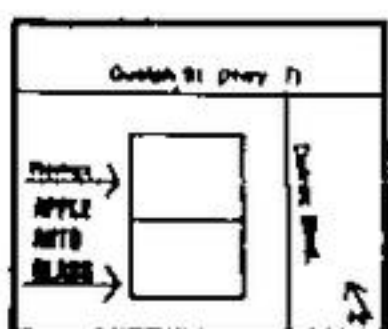
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