



Artistic Director Adolf Toman and lead actress in the production of *Evita*, Camilla Scott, view the setting at the John Elliott Theatre. The play will be coming to town March 13, 14 and 15. Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the recreation department or the two newspapers in town. (Herald photo)

## Evita has band, fancy lighting

Hank Huhtanen has seen *Evita* twice: once in London, England and once in Toronto at the O'Keefe Centre.

Still, the theatre manager for the cultural centre is excited about the musical coming to Halton Hills.

He has met Adolf Toman from his days when the artistic director was involved with the children's theatre in Bramalea.

Choreography director Brian Foley is no stranger to Mr. Huhtanen. He brought his own dance company to Georgetown in 1981 to help celebrate the opening of the cultural centre. Mr. Foley was the choreographer for the movie *Ice Castles*.

The stage at the John Elliott Theatre is similar to the dimensions at Limestone Theatre in Toronto on Yonge Street near Davisville, Mr. Huhtanen said.

*Evita* uses a few set stage pieces - the sets are not lavish, he said. More is done with lighting and cloth backdrops called scrims, he said. For example, the palace scene is created by using a slide backdrop.



Hank Huhtanen

The play will feature a four-piece live band and the hit song *Don't Cry For Me Argentina*, he said.

*Evita* was perceived as wanting to help the poor, but she was just scheming for herself and Juan Peron, Mr. Huhtanen said. She was determined to meet Peron and eventually marry him, he said. At the age of 32, *Evita* Peron died of cancer.

The music from the play is by Marvin Hamlisch. The story is based on the book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante.

## Women's rights affirmed at region

The \$15,000 Affirmative Action program was defeated by regional councillors last week.

In a recorded vote, Couns. Rick Bohnette, Marilyn Serjeantson and Mayor Russ Miller voted against Affirmative Action. Coun. Pam Sheldon was the only Halton Hills representative in favor of the study. For the second year in a row, the Affirmative Action study program was left by the wayside.

Eligible for a \$3,000 provincial subsidy, the program was to look at the hiring and promotion of women, visible minorities and the handicapped by Halton Region.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich said he had no complaints about the hiring practices of the region.

"There's an occasional problem here or there, but I suspect you'll find nothing seriously wrong with it," he said.

He said Affirmative Action is something already in the public sector and anticipated it will be mandated to Halton by the province in a couple of years.

"We have a responsibility to the public to be in the forefront of this," Coun. Mulkewich said. "It's not a large amount of money for the benefits that will be obtained."

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said hiring a consultant to undertake the Affirmative Action study would be doing "lip service" to the program and said he wouldn't support it.

"I agree that the attitude of society is far ahead of some of the thought exhibited here," scolded Oakville Coun. Kevin Flynn. "This is the type of thing that can set your house in order."

Such a program can't be done in-house, he said, comparing it to asking President Marcos of the Philippines to conduct an investigation into election fraud.

"I'm not afraid of what an outsider will find out about this region," Coun. Flynn said. "I find it insulting to women, minorities and the handicapped of the region that we would not commit \$12,000 to set an example for the rest of the region."

Coun. Pam Sheldon gave her support to Affirmative Action. "I believe a study like this is taking pro-active measures. Anytime a corporation like this can be solving problems it's a step in the right direction," Coun. Sheldon declared. "I feel this type of study is needed and it's a small amount of money to get something of great value in return."

Burlington Coun. Pam McLaughlin said that nowadays people let you know when they're not happy. He said the region doesn't need to spend \$12,000 to find out if its staff are happy.

"We have to not only see that justice is done, we have to make sure it's recognized as done," Burlington Coun. Ted MacDonald said. "Even though we can't put our finger on very many problems, we must make sure we are beyond reproach."

## Chimney fire

A chimney fire at 44 Shelley St. in Georgetown hit pretty close to home for the town's fire chief who lives at 49 Shelley. The fire occurred Saturday evening at 6:40 p.m. and the cause is unknown. There was no damage and nobody was hurt.

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Who would have thought a chicken could come to the rescue? The mascot of Drug Awareness Week who tells children to be chicken with drugs were handing out grab bags of drug information as part of a

Georgetown Lions Club project Saturday. They were at the Penny Gas Bar on Guelph Street. Seen here is Lion Tony Degabriele in the chicken suit with John Horning, the owner of the Penny Gas Bar. Mr.

Horning pledged to donate one cent per litre to the Drug Abuse Committee for every litre pumped between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday. (Herald photo)

## IN THE HILLS

### 'Gifted' meeting

The problems gifted children may encounter are going to be discussed by a Halton Board of education consultant. Edna McMillan will be speaking at the March 3 meeting of the Association for Bright Children at W.I. Dick Public School in Milton at 8 p.m. Parents, educators and the public are invited to attend. For more information, call Lyn Appgar at 877-5801.

### Housing group

A meeting of the housing needs group will take place on Thursday Feb. 27, 12 noon at 164 Guelph Street in Georgetown. Anyone interested in attending may call 877-7643.

### Contract stalled

Reginald Monaghan, Chairman of the Halton Police Commission, is optimistic that contracts with the Halton Police Association will resume soon. He is hoping an agreement for the 1986 contract

will be reached in March without the need for a mediator.

No date is set for the commission's next meeting with the police association. Contract talks were broken off after the Feb. 8 meeting when the police association walked out of bargaining. Commissioner Monaghan said. Talks were broken off because the Halton Police Commission had two extra people in its bargaining unit.

The Halton Police Association will decide at their Feb. 26 meeting whether they will take any job action because the two extra people were not removed. Diane Webb, a director of the police association said.

### Attention!

Attention! If your child has problems with being attentive perhaps the free public meetings in Bramalea can help. Senior physician at the Hospital for Sick Children, Dr. Lawrence Rodgers, will be speaking on attentional disorders 7:30 p.m. March 5 at the Greenbrair Recreation Centre, 1100 Central Park Drive in Bramalea.

This program for parents and teachers will consider kinds of attention problems, where to find help for these problems and medication. For more information call the Association for Children and Adults With Learning Disabilities (ACALD) at 459-8840.

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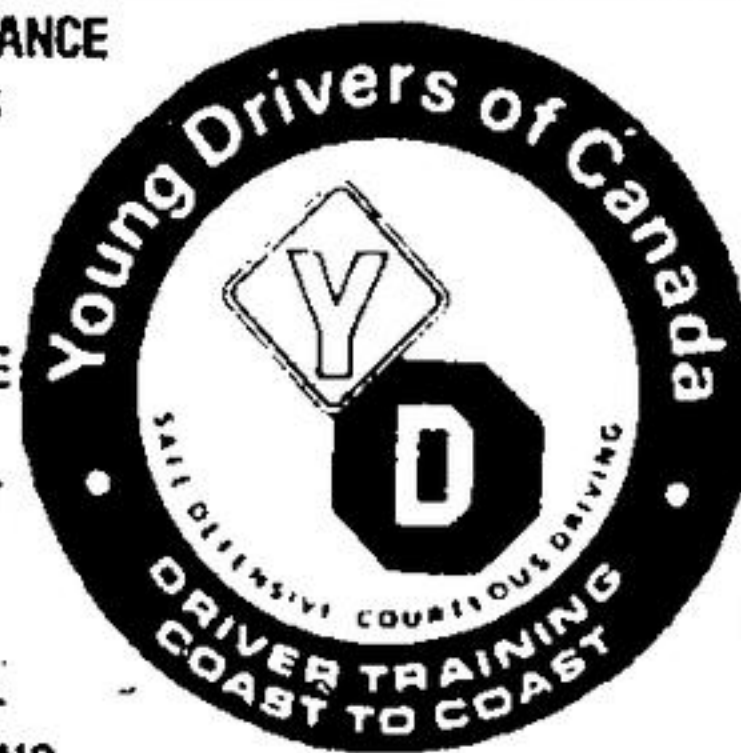
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## Blaze destroys truck

A fire under the hood caused \$8,000 damage to a 1983 Ranger truck last Wednesday. The driver pulled off Sideroad 20 in Nassagaweya when he saw smoke billowing from under the hood of

the truck. Halton Hills firefighters put out the blaze and attributed it to mechanical and electrical failure. Nobody was hurt. The driver was on his way home from work, about 4:25 p.m.

## Minority report

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year versus \$49,105.

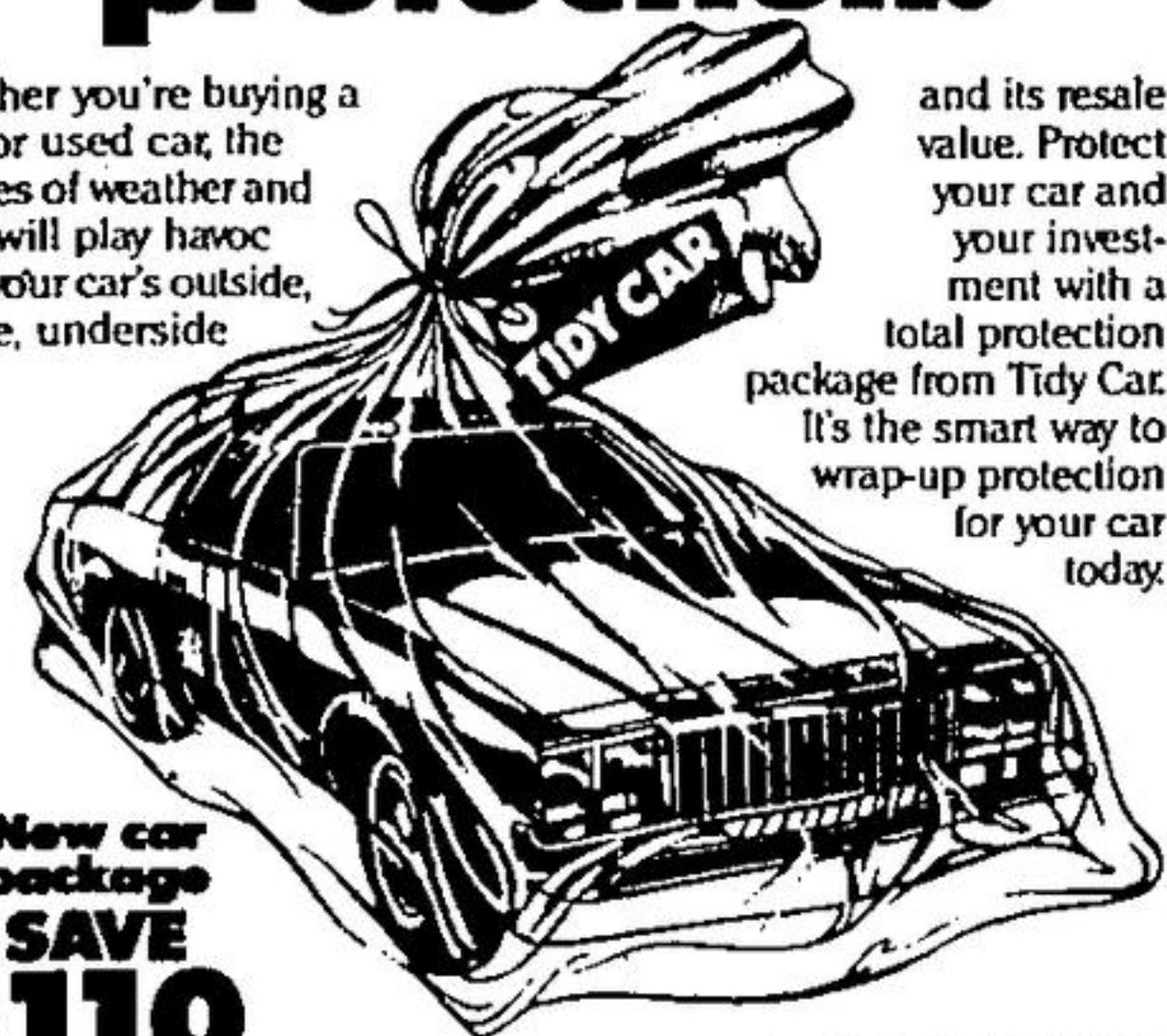
He also mentions the better, safer location of Speyside compared to Limehouse, the quality of the Speyside structure is better than Limehouse, the importance of Speyside as a meeting place for the community, and more.

His third option is that Speyside remain open and Limehouse and Pineview be closed. Speyside is the "most centrally-located facility, on roads which provide the easiest and safest access," Mr. Kenzie states in his report. In addition to giving other reasons supporting this option Mr. Kenzie mentions that it is the least desirable option.

Mr. Kenzie does not believe his report has a strong chance against the Halton Hills Consolidation Committee's report, but he is optimistic. "The Patriots were 0-15 in the Orange Bowl until they defeated the Miami Dolphins at home in the playoffs this year," Mr. Kenzie said.

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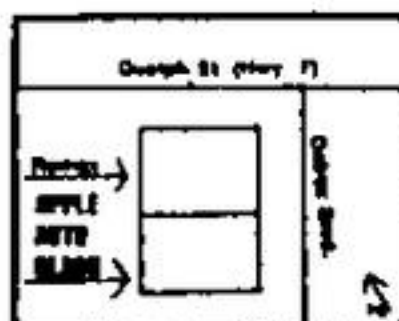
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