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Park fire evacuates apartment tenants

By ANI PEDEHIAN
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A cigarette fire started in a couch on the 11th floor of 62 Park Avenue in Georgetown caused \$15,000 damage and brought out firefighters early Sunday morning at 7 a.m.
The building was evacuated, except for a few frail elderly unable to walk downstairs. Fire Prevention Officer Bob Meads said.
Nobody was hurt although there was heavy smoke damage to the apartment and the 11th floor corridor. The fire was contained to the living room, and no other apartments were affected, Mr. Meads said. Tenant Dolor Pinet was asleep in bed when he awakened to the smell of smoke. It is believed a spark from a cigarette smouldered in the couch for several hours before it caught fire.
Mr. Pinet used fire equipment in the hallway to douse the fire, but was unsuccessful until 19 firefighters arrived on the scene to put the blaze out.
"When we arrived, there was a considerable number of people out of the building," Mr. Meads said. "The biggest problem in buildings like that is smoke contamination. The chances of the fire spreading to other apartments is very slim."
He explained the building is fairly new, of all mason construction built to recent building code standards.
As smoke goes up, it was fortunate the fire was on the 11th or penthouse floor of the apartment building, for it was mostly contained to that floor, Mr. Meads said.
"If this had been on another floor, it might have created problems," he said. The smoke could have contaminated the stairwells and caused problems in evacuation of the building. Elevators are not used in a fire.
It took firefighters about 1 1/2 hours to put out the fire.



Nose-body but you

Three-year-old Stephen Barber gently pets a horse that he rode at Saturday's Open House held at the Georgetown District High School. With him is sister Natalie, 6. The horses were from 2RC Ranch and were also collecting funds for Drug Awareness Week. (Herald photo)

Selective probing on closures begins

By SANDY CAMPBELL
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The selective probing of a report recommending the closure of three north Halton schools began Thursday.
Trustees did not agree with everything presented by the Halton Hills Consolidation Committee at the Halton Board of Education meeting in Burlington.
The 41 page report of the Committee and counter-proposals presented by committee members Monty Hyde and Jim Kenzie were a little overwhelming, said Trustee Bob Clarke.
The consolidation study involved all public schools in Halton Hills and was the largest ever attempted, said Ron Chapman, co-chairman of the committee. Faced with the prospect of closing three schools, trustees had many questions for committee members Ron Chapman, John Kavanagh, Jim Kinnear and Pat Bodig, who presented the main report.
Trustees Dave Coons, Bill Harrison and Bob Clarke questioned the consolidation committee's recommendation that all schools in Halton Hills be either kindergarten to grade 5 schools (K to 5) or grade 6 to 8 schools. "The calls I receive tell me everyone would like to see K to 8 schools," Trustee Clarke said.
Co-chairman of the committee, Ron Chapman, said there were "organizational benefits" to K to 5 and 6 to 8 schools. The skills of teachers can be better used. Grade 6 to 8 schools can offer more intramural and extramural activities, Mr. Chapman said. A grade 6 to 8 school also allows a student to be a senior twice before they get to high school which is "good for their self-esteem and independence," Mr. Chapman said.
When Trustee Dave Coons announced he did not agree with Mr. Chapman's explanation many members of the public applauded.

(T.M.H.) students if Joseph Gibbons is closed was brought up by Trustee Pat Hillhouse. Joseph Gibbons was renovated last year to accommodate T.M.H. students in north Halton. If Joseph Gibbons closes some of the 14 T.M.H. students will be making their third move in three years, Trustee Hillhouse said.
In answer to Trustee Hillhouse's concerns Trustee Dick Howitt said the T.M.H. problem was discussed thoroughly. Trustee Howitt is a

member of the consolidation committee. "We felt T.M.H. should not sway the vote and that Joseph Gibbons should stand on its own feet," Trustee Howitt said.

The decision to keep Park open instead of Joseph Gibbons was made by the consolidation committee. The committee did not want T.M.H. students to influence that decision unfairly at the expense of Park, Trustee Howitt said.

IN THE HILLS

Dinner with Jean

Friends, neighbors, fellow employees and Scouters all have a chance to honor citizen of the year recipient Jean Layman.
The Georgetown Lions' Club are hosting a dinner for Mrs. Layman, a long-time member of the Scouting movement and an employee of Standard Products Ltd. Everyone is welcome to attend the evening.
Some tickets are still available for the Saturday March 8 dinner which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and can be obtained by phoning Peter Young at 877-4424

Tickets sold out

Halton Hills certainly loves a musical. Tickets for the hit Broadway show Evita have been sold

out.
All general admission tickets are gone for the March 13, 14, and 15 shows. An extra night was scheduled for the dinner-theatre and it promptly sold out (March 14) along with the March 15 dinner.

The recreation department is starting to compile a waiting list in case there are any cancellations. The show, at the John Elliott Theatre, features a Canadian cast of 20 from Toronto's Limelight Theatre Ltd.

Town rep exposed

Councillors had a hearty hoot Monday night after a comment by Coun. Al Cook about allowing television cameras into the council chambers.
"I think it's an excellent way, once again, of exposing ourselves," Coun. Cook began. A deep blush took hold when his fellow councillors and the rest of his audience, which included 15 Girl Guides, broke out in laughter.

Region will investigate harrassment

Harassment problems will get special attention at Halton Region now that a \$5,000 harassment investigation fund has been set up by regional councillors.
In a recorded vote last week, Couns. John McDonald and Pam Sheldon voted in favor of the new fund intended to improve protection for the rights of employees. Mayor Russ Miller and Couns. Rick Bonnette and Marilyn Serjeantson voted against it.
Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin said the new fund was being set up because of harassment complaints received by the previous council. He said the harassment was of a discriminatory nature, related to the ethnic background of Halton employees. The individuals involved were being called names because of their background.
There have been sexual harassment incidents reported by Halton employees as well, Mr. Perlin said. "I'm happy to say we've had very few complaints in these two areas, though we have had some," he said.
A policy and procedure for dealing with harassment on the job is being developed on the request of the Human Rights Commission, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) said. It will be ready this spring.
The new harassment fund will retain an independent investigator who will deal confidentially with employee-related harassment. It will be someone staff can go to without fear, to deal with this very personal issue, Mr. Perlin said.
Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said it was ridiculous to be hiring a consultant to look for harassment and said it would turn into a full-time job and eventually into a department of harassment. "If the CAO and the chairman can't stamp out harassment maybe we should stamp them out," he chuckled.

School taxes up by 6 per cent

Your education taxes are going up by nearly \$100, according to preliminary figures from the Halton Board of Education's Finance Committee chairman.
Trustee Bill Harrison said education taxes on a home assessed at \$7,000 are estimated to go up between \$75 and \$97 this year.
Juggling the figures for the last five weeks, the finance committee has pared a proposed budget of \$166,689,694 down to \$166,547,070.
The board's 1986 budget is 6 per cent over what it was in 1985, despite an increase of approximately 2 per cent in local assessment.
Finance Committee Chairman Harrison said the board doesn't anticipate an increase in provincial grants, a factor which makes for a greater local share of the budget increase.
Final assessment and grant information is expected to arrive in the next two weeks, Mr. Harrison said.
Although more details are expected to be forthcoming at Thursday night's board meeting, the bulk of the budget is once again going towards salaries and employee benefits. Salaries and benefits of \$132,800,612 make up 79.7 per cent of the 1986 budget.
Supplies, services and fees make up the next largest spending for the board, of \$14,369,601 or 8.6 per cent of the total 1986 board budget.
In terms of cost per pupil, the budget shows it costs \$4,705 to educate a child in 1986 compared to \$4,359 in 1985. That's an increase of almost 8 per cent. Daily enrolment averages 17,555 at the board's schools.

Jim Kenzie



Trustee Diane Filman wanted to know why Pineview, which in 1985 was 37 per cent full, had a 37 per cent functional rated capacity, was not recommended to close. The consolidation committee report states the functional rated capacity of Pineview in 1990 is 31 per cent.
Co-chairman Chapman said that if Pineview was closed it would mean long bus rides for the students. Many would go to W.I. Dick in Milton which is full now, and even with 149 students at Pineview there are enough students for a "viable school", Mr. Chapman replied.
The issue of what will be done with the trainable mentally handicapped

Rebel members provide other school options

The two Halton Hills Consolidation Committee members who presented minority reports at Thursday's board of education meeting were assured their reports would receive the same consideration as the major report.
Trustee Bob Clarke made the commitment after Monty Hyde and Jim Kenzie of Georgetown finished their counter-proposals.
Mr. Hyde recommends Pineview and Stewarttown Public Schools have their administration staff combined and that Pineview eventually be closed. When Pineview is closed, Stewarttown would be converted to a kindergarten to grade 8 school, he suggested.
Mr. Kenzie's report contains three options, all in support of keeping Speyside Public School open.
Mr. Hyde is concerned French immersion program and parents on the Halton Hills Town Line choosing to send their children to Brookville will result in significant declines in enrolment at both Pineview and Stewarttown schools.
He reported one-third of Stewarttown's students are French immersion students. The introduction of French immersion programs at

Teen Cuisine a money machine

By SANDY CAMPBELL
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Where in Halton Hills can you get a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for 75 cents. Well if your student card is up-to-date at Acton District High School, you don't have to go further than your cafeteria.
Of course, the turkey was a special offer just before Christmas. The school's special cafeteria can't match such prices every day, but they do offer good food at low prices.
Soup, sandwich and a drink cost \$1.50 and one rarely spends over \$2.25 for a meal.
The reason for these low prices is because the school runs the cafeteria and has since A.D.H.S. opened in 1977. Students and staff volunteer their time and assist three full-time employees. That's the staff.
The program is called Teen Cuisine and it was designed to raise money for the school and to provide good low-priced food for students.
History teacher Jim Goring is bookkeeper. Brian Downes teaches math and physics and is manager. The time they spend working for the cafeteria is on a volunteer basis.
Even though their time is volunteered, they are doing it partly for the money -- money for the

school.
Teen Cuisine grosses about \$100,000 a year. Their prices ensure a 8 per cent profit, Mr. Goring said. That money is used on school projects.
Every May after a year of saving cafeteria money, students and staff get together to discuss how they will spend their profits (anywhere from \$5-\$8,000 yearly).
Computers, trips for the band, trips for school teams, and athletic equipment are the kind of things the money is spent on. Other schools use many fund raising schemes to meet their needs, Mr. Goring said.
Other schools are also taking notice of Acton's grand scheme, he added. High schools from outside Halton have visited to learn about the success of Teen Cuisine. A success that is more than financial.
Teen Cuisine has been worked into the curriculum. Students taking family studies courses end up in the cafeteria kitchen as part of their food preparation course. "Some students like it so much they work on a routine basis," Mr. Goring said.
Between 15 to 20 per cent of Teen Cuisine man hours are put in by students. The result of their input is perhaps a little more pride in their cafeteria.
"Students keep the cafeteria

clean. Maybe it is because they have part ownership and more interest. Grade 12 and 13 students, especially, know about the operation," Mr. Goring said.
Everyone knows about the food. In addition to the regular meals every Tuesday brings something a little bit different. It could be quiche, or a meal served by teachers. A barbecue is planned for a Tuesday in spring.
The purpose of these changes is to keep students interested in their cafeteria, Mr. Goring said. After nine years of ownership the uniqueness of the operation could grow stale.
Students who transfer to ADHS who are used to other cafeterias have praised Teen Cuisine for the quality of food and service, Mr. Downes said.
"Teen Cuisine is a success because the food is good, the service pleasant (the ladies are very nice) and students appreciate the dedication of staff," Mr. Goring said.
Acton students were surveyed to find out how much they liked their cafeteria serves. "The response was pretty positive. They're happy about what we're offering," Mr. Downes said.



Grade eleven students Jennifer Jupp and Diane Rokols serve students at Acton High School. Jennifer and Diane are part of the "Teen Cuisine" program at the school. (Photo by Brian MacLeod)