

Chocolate cottontails



Schneider's Reliable Sweets is making a production out of chocolate Easter sweets. Roz Gareh, the president, is pouring chocolate into a mold which in a few minutes will be a bunny. Schneider's is at 197 Main St. South in Ruckwood. (Herald photo)

Bonnette puts support behind town hall

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Rick Bonnette hasn't betrayed you, people of Acton, the Ward 1 councillor declared at Monday night's council meeting.

In his longest speech since re-election last November, the Acton councillor explained why, after voting against purchase of the Stevens property in 1983, he is now voting for the building of a municipal centre on the land.

"I don't think I've really let the people of Acton down," Coun. Bonnette said. "This is a positive speech for the community as a whole."

Acknowledging Georgetown residents will benefit from the development of a town hall on the Stevens property, which is located across from the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Maple Avenue in Georgetown, the councillor said Acton will benefit also.

He pointed out having town staff centrally located, instead of dispersed throughout the town will give a positive image and encourage other companies to locate in Halton Hills.

Coun. Bonnette reminded councillors he had fought against purchase of the Stevens estate and had said it wasn't worth the \$600,000 the town paid for it.

Coun. Bonnette said there is currently 14,000 square feet for town staff to work in, and a 1983 space needs study by hired consultants said 35,000 square feet were needed.

He had wanted the Garret farmlands, next to the Jehovah's

Witnesses headquarters on Trafalgar Road exiting Georgetown, for a town hall, but that land is no longer available, Coun. Bonnette said. Use of the Old Stone School in Acton by the town's engineering staff wasn't found suitable, he said, and other ideas he had were defeated.

"Am I supposed to be a responsible elected person and put my head in the sand?" Coun. Bonnette demanded.

He noted 15 members of Toyota's board of directors recently looked at Halton Hills and there was no municipal building to entertain these people. They had to be taken to the golf club, Coun. Bonnette be-moaned.

"We've bought the Stevens property. It's definitely not my choice, but it is now the time to get a return on our money," the councillor said.

"Council will not build a Taj Mahal," he reassured. "If the ar-

chieft comes back with plans not feasible for our budget, we'll send them back to the drawing boards. We're not going to burn our taxpayers with our (town hall)."

The councillor observed interest rates have dropped recently and that the cost of building a municipal centre continues to rise as the years pass. In 1974, the cost would have been \$1 million; in 1978, \$2 million; and today, a possible \$3 million, he said.

POLICE BEAT

Three car collision

A Georgetown woman driving a 1980 Ford who hit the rear bumper of a Georgetown man's Ford triggered a three car collision March 19 at 4:30 p.m. She was westbound on Guelph at Main Street South in the passing lane when she hit the bumper forcing the hit car to swerve into the curb lane where it hit a third car, police said. Damage to the Georgetown woman's car was \$100, \$2,000 to the car she hit and \$25 to the third car.

Brake foot slips

A Brampton man whose foot slipped off the brake pedal and onto the accelerator went through a red light, into a ditch, into a fence and ended up in a field. The accident happened on Trafalgar Road and the 401 off ramp March 20 at 11:40 a.m. Damage to his 1986 Ford was \$3,000, and the fence received \$100 damage, police said.

Arena thieves

An estimated \$2,200 in stereo equipment was stolen and \$1,500 in damage to vending machines was done at the Acton Community Arena over the night of March 17. Thieves got \$15 in change from the four vending machines they damaged. Two tape decks, two amplifiers, a mixer and a microphone were taken. Police believe the thieves were in the arena when it closed.

Store robbery

The Trio Mart at 68 Main Street North was robbed of \$2,700 in goods over the night of March 17. A section was broken out of the bottom of the rear door. Cigarettes, cassette tapes, lottery tickets and stereo equipment was taken.

Stereo stolen

Thieves broke a window beside the door of a Third Line home to get inside between 11 p.m. March 18 and 6:30 p.m. March 19. Stereo equipment, a rocking horse and a portable cassette player worth a total of \$425 were taken. Damage to the window was \$80.

Window pelted

Two youths were caught after breaking a window at Sims Gate in Georgetown between March 21 and 22. The window was broken with the shot from a BB gun.

Tape deck taken

The rear window of a 1985 Hyundai was smashed and a \$580 tape deck was taken from the car parked on Frederick Street south of Angus Street in Acton between March 14 and 15. Damage to the window was estimated at \$100.

Home robbed

An estimated \$2,300 in appliances, jewellery, clothing and money was stolen from an RR2 Georgetown home March 19. The side door was kicked in to get inside.

Intersection crash

A Georgetown man driving an Oldsmobile northbound on Edith Street at Park Street drove into traffic after stopping at the intersection and collided with a car eastbound on Park Street. The accident March 22 at 12:40 p.m. caused \$150 to the Georgetown man's Oldsmobile and \$1,500 to the other car.

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The agreement was made at 4 a.m. March 19 after 19 hours of negotiating. The parties also met for eight hours March 17 with the help of a mediator, Dr. William A. Marcotte.

Trustee Jim Sherlock, Chairman of the Salary Negotiation Committee, believes the majority of teachers and trustees will accept the agreement and it will be ratified.

Still anti-drinking

The two-year old Drinking and Driving Committee is back on its feet again, with a new slate of members scheduled to meet April 1.

Coun. Pam Sheldon is chairman of the Committee which erected two signs advising motorists they were entering an anti-drinking and driving community last year.

Members of the Committee are: Mayor Russ Miller, Const. Bill Phipps, Const. Kim Duncan, John Armstrong, Mandy Rogers, Tammy Forbes, Barry Page, Mrs. M. Mackie, Wayne Gould, David McNeilly, and Beverly Landriault.

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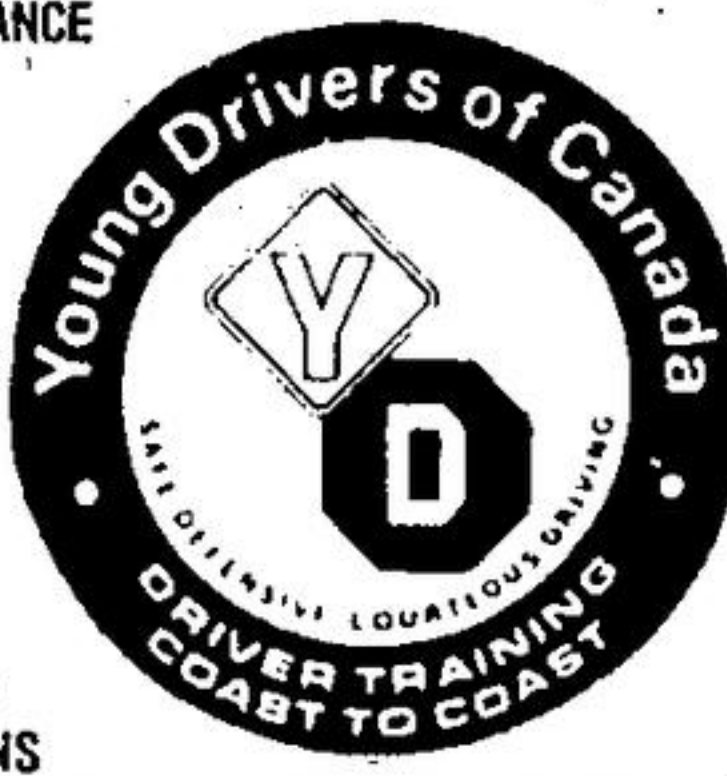
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FIRE BEAT

Power out

Halton Hills Firefighters were called out to Weber Drive and Raylawn Crescent March 18 when a power line went down. They were called out by Halton Hills Hydro. There was no fire and nobody was injured.

Lots of smoke

A towel left on an electric heater at 23 Academy Rd. in Georgetown made a lot of smoke in the house, but no damage. Halton Hills firefighters were called to the home Thursday at 10 a.m.

Car fire

Friday, shortly before noon Halton Hills firefighters put out a car fire in the engine area. Apparently the driver had filled up with oil in Brampton and the oil cap had been forgotten off. Firefighters were called to put out the fire at 181 Mountainview Rd. North. Damage was estimated at \$400.

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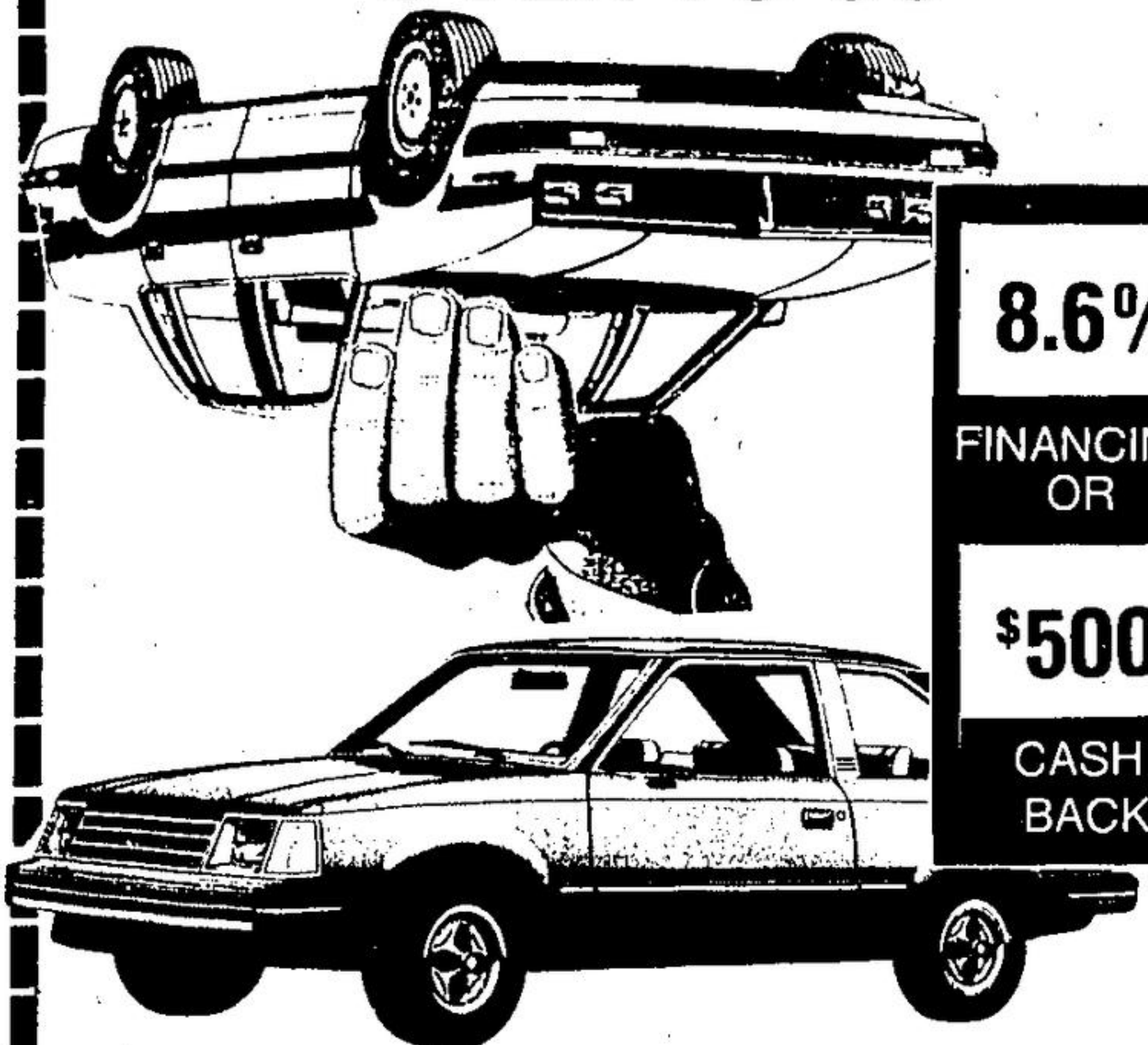
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