

Living hills

Costly wing

The cost of completing a chronic care wing at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital has gone up from \$2.3 million, the hospital's new administrator says.

In a letter to Halton Region Feb. 13, Mark Rochon says completing the roughed-in space began at the time of the construction of the Bennett Health Care Centre will cost \$772,262 more than estimated in 1984. The increase is due to construction cost increases over the past two years.

Mr. Rochon says his request for a new roof and windows for the hospital is awaiting approval.

"The \$185,000 estimate is probably low, again given increases in construction costs," he says, anticipating \$195,000 is more accurate estimate.

Sexual abuse rises

Sexual and physical abuse investigations by the Halton Children's Aid Society are on the increase.

According to a fact sheet put out by the Society, there were 105 sexual abuse investigations in 1984. Compare that with 175 in 1986.

Physical abuse investigations are about par, going from 176 in 1984 to 179 last year.

Money's due

Money borrowed more than ten years ago by Halton Hills is now due, and Halton Hills Treasurer Ray King says the \$35,527 will be provided for in the town's 1987 budget.

Back in December 1976, the town borrowed \$14,000. That principal has accumulated \$21,527 interest. Halton Region wants both principal and interest paid up this year.

Speakers taken

Two speakers worth \$400 were removed from a car parked on York Street in Acton Friday. The speakers were taken at about 1 p.m. from an unlocked car, police said.

Seats still on

The Jaycees service club is alive and well, thank you very much.

After a Herald article about the Jaycees having trouble finding new members was published, the club has received calls from people concerned the infant car seat program won't be continued, said member Sharon Sullivan.

But don't worry. The club is functioning normally and infant seats are for rent, as usual. If you want to rent a seat, or are considering joining the ladies service club, give Sharon a call at 877-9602.

Self-help group

Some members of the North Halton Community have recently begun to organize a support group for anyone who suffers from an eating disorder such as Anorexia Nervosa or Bulimia. This group meets weekly in Georgetown on Wednesday evenings.

If you have such a disorder and are interested in taking part in this group, to gain some support from those who really do know what you are going through, please call Karen at 877-5057 after 5 p.m. or Pat Woode at 877-1436.

Would the gentleman who called please call back. We've lost your number!

Be a citizen

The Oakville Multicultural Council is sponsoring Canadian Citizenship classes throughout the month of March. Instruction will be given in Canadian law, politics, geography and history. Classes run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. twice weekly for four weeks. Cost is free. To register, please call the Oakville Multicultural Council at 842-2486 today.

Assault charge

Police were called to a John Street home Friday at 8 p.m. and charged a 28-year-old Georgetown man with assault. The man pushed a woman to the ground and tried to punch her, police said.



Tiny though they may be, the February sunshine and a cat who likes to curl up on the flowerbed. (Herald photo)

Signs of spring at Delrex home

Crocuses, bright yellow crocuses are blooming on Delrex Boulevard, near Lucinda Place.

Diane Hill of 206 Delrex Blvd., said the crocuses have been out since Jan. 30, surviving at least one cold snap.

"The ones in the backyard are out too, but the dogs ate them," she smiled, Thursday morning.

Next to the crocuses, the green

flowering stem of a hyacinth is coming up, a flower that's not supposed to come out till May.

"I think it's because they're so close to the house and they get lots of sunshine," Mrs. Hill said. "The cat helps hatch them too. She curls upon them."

The young woman planted the bulbs two years ago when she moved into the Delrex home.

Land acquisition continues: CVCA

Feb. 19, a budget totalling \$7,562,126 was approved for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The budget is broken down by program areas within the Authority. These areas include:

- Administration \$552,720, administration office construction \$1,524,000, water and related land management \$2,430,056, conservation and recreation land management \$712,040, Lake Ontario waterfront \$2,150,000, other operations and rental properties \$191,270.

The Authority's new administration office will be completed in August of this year and the Niagara Escarpment Land Acquisitions will continue. New 1987 initiatives include a job classification and salary administration study which will be undertaken by an outside consultant.

The Authority receives funding from the Province of Ontario, (Ministry of Natural Resources), general levies from our member municipalities, special levies for specific projects from benefiting municipalities and Authority generated revenue.

Hepatitis screening

A plan to reduce the chance of contracting hepatitis B among staff and clients has been created by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded (NHAMR).

Applicants for the regular NHAMR programs must now be screened for hepatitis. Those with hepatitis will not be admitted into programs until the danger has been assessed by a health officer.

Hepatitis B is a viral infection. Most infected people, about 5%, have no symptoms, and those that are affected by the disease usually recover uneventfully. For some though, the disease causes serious health problems.

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Energy-waste plant futile for now, says councillor

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff

As long as politicians have somewhere to bury garbage, they'll never look seriously at incinerating it in an energy from waste plant, charged a Milton councillor last week.

Milton's Bill Johnson said he was tired of talking about energy from waste. It was back in 1983 that the Region came out with a preliminary feasibility study, which the public promptly rejected.

Last week, councillors reaffirmed their commitment to energy from waste. Their goal is to incinerate 50 per cent of municipal wastes for at least 12 of the next 20 years in which the new landfill will be operating.

"They're looking at a number of options for implementing this project, including an electricity producing or a steam producing plant in Milton, and even inter-regional projects with Ontario Hydro as the energy customer."

Responsibility for the energy from waste studies is with the Region's public works department. Regional councillors have approved the hiring of a "senior approvals co-ordinator" to take on the project, and an "approvals clerk" to assist - both permanent positions.

Last week, Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon acknowledged it's been a slow process, but said now that the bulk of the landfill selection process has been done, it's the right time for energy from waste.

Halton Hills Coun. Rick Bonnette wanted to know where the province fits in. Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin said the province seems to be hesitating when it comes to energy from waste.

Big Sisters are coming

The Big Sister Organization is coming to the North Halton Region. We would like to make contact with women over 18 in Acton, Georgetown and the rural areas who would like to become Big Sisters. Referrals of girls ages seven to 16 who would like to become a little sister are welcome, too. The Milton Big Sisters Association has been active for two years and is now expanding its boundaries.

Please phone us in Milton for specific information and further details: Susan Seifert 876-4137 - Lois Wiens 878-0378.

PROCLAMATION

The Council for the Town of Halton Hills proclaims the month of March, 1987 as "RED CROSS MONTH" in the Town of Halton Hills.

HELP KEEP RED CROSS READY! +

"Right now, it's very dicey on energy from waste. They haven't reaffirmed their commitment," Coun. McLaughlin said.

Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming said he'll be looking into where the province stands.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich said the province is waiting for a federal study on incineration to be completed and for the federal government to re-institute fire grants, but the federal

government has said it won't do it. "Was it for lack of staff that we didn't proceed further the last time?" Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver asked.

Mr. Fleming said yes, in part. Not having the staff impeded the process, he said.

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