

Outlook on Halton Hills



Trafalgar crash

Two Oakville men received minor injuries when their truck flipped on Highway 7 at Trafalgar Road Monday morning. Their truck was southbound on Highway 7, and went out of control when the driver turned onto

Trafalgar Road, Constable Janice LaRose of Halton Regional Police said. The driver was charged with careless driving. He was travelling too fast, Constable LaRose said. The men, aged 18 and 19, were treated

and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The 1984 pick-up was a write-off. (Photo by Mike Eikermann)

View of new town hall ready for public Monday

Want to know what the new town hall is going to look like? Then come out Monday night to the current town hall on Trafalgar Road.

Councillors are holding a special meeting at which their architect will be showing off a building model and talking costs. So far, the design has the town's building committee approval, but further approval is required from council.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and everyone's welcome. The new town hall is to be built on the former Steven's estate across from the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Maple Avenue. It's hoped construction can get underway in June, with the 37,000 square foot building ready for occupation by February 1988.

"It is an exciting building and it has some unique features," building committee member Coun. Joe Hewitt told The Herald. "It isn't ostentatious at all."

He's hoping it will be something local residents will be proud of once it is finished. It will help the town function more like a business, to have all its departments under one roof instead of scattered about town, Coun. Hewitt said.

Because the two-storey building is being built into a slope, it means visitors can enter on either level. The design isn't box shaped, but rather has many fingers coming off the main building, the councillor said. There are lots of windows and skylights in the plans.

Computer programs boosted by funding

By SANDY CAMPBELL
Herald Staff

An increase in grants for the 1987 Halton Board of Education budget made accepting a multi-million dollar long-range computer education plan a little easier for trustees, said Chairman Arlene Bruce.

Thursday night in Burlington, trustees approved a plan designed to improve computer programs in Halton classrooms. In 1987 that plan will cost \$909,000 (\$270,000 for elementary schools and \$632,000 for secondary schools).

That money will be used mainly to buy computers for the classroom. It is about \$1.7 million less than was put in the long range computer education plan.

Approving those costs was made easier by a 2.8 per cent increase in grants from the Ministry of Education. The amount received from the Ministry in 1987 is estimated at \$68.2 million. In recent years grants received from the Ministry have increased only a fraction of a per cent,

Trustee Dick Howitt said.

The five year computer plan could cost \$3.5 million for elementary schools and \$5.6 million for secondary schools, the approved plan states. Actual amounts spent on computers until 1992 will be decided each year, and will depend upon the budget process. A status report will be prepared every February on computers.

Trustee Bob Clarke of Milton said the computer plan should be approved on principle, and that changes should be made as needed when the status report is released every February.

Trustees concerned about saving money asked why the Board could not produce software for Board programs.

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BIA budget set at \$39,890

The Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area is looking at a budget of \$39,890 in 1987.

The BIA will use the money for snow removal, (5,000), beautification and maintenance (\$12,250), promotions and advertising (\$10,500), loan repayment (\$16,500), office and administration (\$2,300), memberships and convention (\$1,500), a co-ordinator (\$6,240), and accounting and audits (\$600).

The Acton BIA is asking for \$25,000 for 1987. This represents an increase of \$5,000 over 1986, to be used for special projects and promotion.

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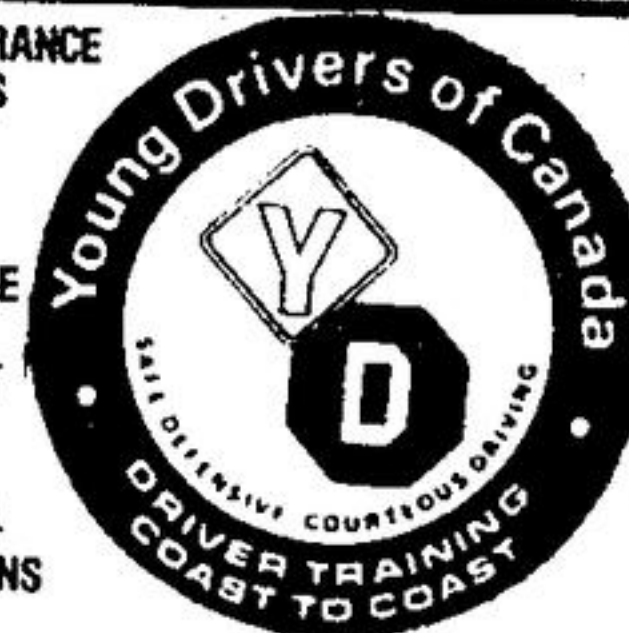
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