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In the hills

Hockey star

Paul Henderson, the man who scored the historical series winning goal in the Canada-Russia match-up of 1972 will be the guest speaker at a roast beef dinner hosted by the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Christian School, Trafalgar Road. Rob and Bev Foster will perform a musical concert. Purchase tickets by April 6 for \$10 per person at the Hope Chest or by calling 877-4158.

Lenten mission

Holy Cross Parish Community is hosting a Lenten Mission April 6-9. Four topics are featured each day at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The topics are: What Good News is Found in Jesus! He Calls Us to Repentance and Prayer, and That We Might Experience Wholeness. Speakers will be Father Bill Comerford, a Redemptorist priest for 25 years and Joan Green, an active lay apostle who lives and works in the Toronto area.

WHAM meeting

The Women of Halton Action Movement (WHAM) is holding its monthly meeting April 2 at 7:15 p.m. at the Shell House, 3306 Lakeshore Road W. in Oakville. One of the issues to be discussed is the Evaluation of Funding of Women's Issues.

Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call 844-3901.

Emergency talk

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson is back from a course hosted by Emergency Planning Canada. Representing the Town of Halton Hills, she took part in a conference at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College in Arran, Ontario. Such conferences are held regularly for elected officials to alert them of their responsibilities in emergencies and help them to offset the effects of disasters in their communities.

Washable 'cats'

By LISA VOLMAR
Herald Special
BALLINAFAD-The fourth meeting of the Ballinafad Cool Cats was held March 10 at our leader's house, Mrs. Schwartz. We talked and learned about how to wash, iron and mend our clothes from our books and our leader. At this meeting most of us brought clothes to mend. We were then put into two groups. One was shown how to do laundry, and the other did some ironing. We then switched. We were assigned a job to do for the next meeting, that was to bring a button sewn on material, with a stem, then glued on to paper and put in our book. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Two guest speakers

Two guest speakers are featured at a meeting of ACALD, an organization for children and adults with learning disabilities. The meeting is being held April 1 at Chinguacousy Secondary School beginning at 7:30 p.m. The topics are: "Building blocks for success" and "You, your child and your child's teacher". For more information call 459-8840.

Polio meeting

Polio survivors in the north Halton area, in association with the Ontario March of Dimes, will hold a meeting April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Library, 45 Bruce Street, Milton. Among the topics discussed will be the condition commonly called "Post-Polio Syndrome" - a condition experienced many years after the original disease by about 25 per cent of the people who had polio.

Magna man hands down trade tips

By SANDY CAMPBELL
Herald Staff

The Halton Hills business community received a lesson in economics last week from the chairman of Magna International Inc.

The chairman of the automobile parts manufacturing company, Frank Stronach, spoke at a business luncheon March 24 at the cultural centre in Georgetown. Dressed in a dark blue suit, Mr. Stronach, looking younger than his years, talked a little about his own success story. He arrived in Canada as an immigrant from Austria in the 1950s.

He offered some business tips and some ideas how the Canadian economy and political system could be improved. The Town of Halton Hills hosted the luncheon at the cultural centre in Georgetown. The Business Advisory Committee, a Town of Halton Hills committee, helped organize the event. The BAC was created by Mayor Russ Miller to provide a link between business and local government.

The guest speaker's talk began with his recollections of driving through Georgetown to Kitchener in a used car he bought with his last dollars. The last time Mr. Stronach was in Kitchener he left in a jet, the way he is accustomed to travelling now. "This is a great, great country," he said.

Whether Canada will remain a great country is not something to feel secure about, Mr. Stronach said. Two ways of measuring a country's greatness are the amount of individual freedom and economic

freedom the people have.

"Most people are economic slaves," Mr. Stronach said. A definition of economic freedom he gave was: after 15 years work one should have enough money in the bank to live off the interest.

Socialist, communist, totalitarian and free enterprise systems are not the promoters of economic freedom, according to Mr. Stronach. The system he believes provides economic freedom is one where the workers are more involved in the business, one where workers own equity.

Such an arrangement is good for business. "If labor is not happy they are a liability not an asset," Mr. Stronach said. Magna International is the only company in the world with a company charter of rights, he said. That charter can only be changed with the consent of labor, management and investors.

At Magna employees get 10 per cent of the profits. At Christmas they receive 3 per cent in a cash bonus, and the other 7 per cent is given to employees in the form of shares. Last year Magna made \$100 million.

One of the problems with the free enterprise system is that it does not check greed, Mr. Stronach said. He called Magna's system a fair enterprise system. The company's charter of rights helps check greed.

During his speech, Mr. Stronach defined government as one of the sources limiting economic freedom. "The more bureaucracy the less opportunity there is," he said.



Going to the Chapel

This was just one of many beautiful wedding gowns that were shown Sunday during the Welcome Wagon Bridal Show at the Cultural Centre. As well as the show, there were also various displays set up by local businesses which cater to the needs of couples planning to marry.



ANOTHER LAND—Adventure and friendship went hand in hand during a GDHS trip to Egypt. Participating on the Egypt trip were: Richard Percival, Susan Percival, Kathryn Buchan, Rob Smith, Lisa Tobin, Monique Tobin, Damon Hughes, John Gray, Andy Hill, Jen Fancy, Joanne Totten, Elizabeth Inglis, Tony Hewer, Jeanne Foley, Eleanor Langdon, Michael Bray, Marilyn

Haslings, Heining Rosmussen, Margaret Corrigan, Maureen Corrigan, Kerry Allen, Margaret Isard, Isabel Thompson, Margaret McCallum, Diane Scott, Donna Brunk, Elizabeth Kowalski, Cornelia Hamaker, Lucas Hamaker and Ellen Chopping. Chaperones included: Tom Hewer, Karen Hewer and John MacIntyre. (Photo by Charlie Gibbs)

KIDNAPPED! Touring the jewels of the Nile

By CHARLIE GIBBS
Herald Special

While many people spent their March break sun tanning or house cleaning, 12 students from Georgetown District High School spent it learning to belly dance, getting kidnapped by a camel-jockey and being offered camels to get married.

The school group returned March 22 from a ten-day trip to Egypt which was described as "breathtaking" and "awesome".

Accompanied by four staff members and 20 adults from the community, the group toured many nooks and crannies of the land of the pyramids, and had some less "touristic" experiences while they were at it.

"I was offered two camels to have two female students we were with married," said Rob Smith, a Grade 12 student at GDHS. "The cultures are so different, there's no comparison."

For Monique Tobin, a Grade 13 student, "The best part was getting to know the other people who went, and the Egyptians we met."

On the itinerary for the group was a visit to three Egyptian cities: Cairo, Luxor and Aswan. All the traditional spots were covered, such as the great pyramids, the Luxor Temple, the Aswan High Dam, the tomb of Tutankhamen, and much more.

"The whole trip was just amazing," said Mike Bray, a Grade 12 student. "One of my highlights was getting kidnapped by a camel-jockey."

The group experienced temperatures of 95 degrees, and they took a total of about 2,000 pictures collectively. Mr. Tom Hewer,

business manager at GDHS and the organizer of the trip, is planning to have a reunion-slide show for the participants.

Kathryn Buchan, like all the other students, felt sad to leave at the end.

"I couldn't believe it was over. It seemed like we were on the way there again, when we were coming home."

This is the second year that Mr. Hewer has organized a student trip during the March break. Last year, a group of students went to Athens and Rome. Although nothing definite has been set, some ideas for next year include Japan, Hong Kong and Korea.

The Egypt trip cost the students a total of \$1,500, which, according to Monique, was "well worth the money. More than you can imagine."

"It was impossible to describe," said one Grade 11 student "You just have to see it for yourself, with your own eyes."

Learning more about the Egyptian people and their culture was another advantage to the trip, many students felt.

"People were always praying. In the shops, in the streets, in houses, everywhere. And there was chanting all night long," said Monique.

All of the participants learned to bargain when shopping. "You have to bargain; it's just their way of life," said Rob. "The customary technique was to offer the merchant about a quarter of the original price, which eventually ends up about one-third."

"The people are so kind and generous," said Jen Fancy, a Grade 11 student.

"I was asked to watch a leather shop for the owner for five minutes

while he went to do an errand. We were perfect strangers, yet he trusted us."

The crime rate in Egypt is very low, due to a highly intense military presence. "The military is everywhere," said Mike Bray. "There were three guards on every street, armed with machine guns." Not surprisingly, the group felt uneasy at first, but they soon learned to accept the lifestyle.

"It was hard to accept what we saw because it was all so different from everything we'd ever experienced," said Tony Hewer.

The drivers in Egypt, apparently, are "the worst in the world." The students noticed there was no traffic laws, signs or limits. Even in darkness, drivers do not use their headlights, except in short flashes of warning.

"They have a code for horns, I think," said Jen Fancy.

The Egyptian food was described as both "delicious" and "disgusting." By and large, the students found the food to be very spicy, with each meal similar to the next. One favorite included dried beef with gontimilk cakes. Only once did the group break down and go to a fast-food hamburger restaurant.

"The coffee is incredibly strong," said Kathryn.

The students were also struck by the poverty of the Egyptian people.

"They have nothing, but they're happy," said Mike. Monique noticed that the Egyptians "had televisions, but no roofs."

But, perhaps Jen Fancy best summed up the attitudes of the group by simply saying: "It was a very touching experience."

Reining in conference costs

Have Regional councillors already overspent their 1987 conferences budget of \$7,700?

Not according to Regional Treasurer Joe Rinaldo. He said councillors have only spent \$354 as of Feb. 28, and that's fairly low.

The concern about overspending was raised by Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy last week, when yet another conference came up for councillors to attend, this time in June.

"There have been numerous applications for conferences," Chairman Pomeroy told planning and public works committee members. "Could we just hold this over to the

next meeting?"

The 34th Ontario Industrial Waste Conference, to be held in Toronto, was at issue.

The Regional Chairman wanted an analysis made of what's left in the conferences budget, and said it could be embarrassing to sign councillors up for the Waste Conference if the budget was already overspent.

Last year's conferences budget of \$5,500 was overspent by more than \$3,000, with the difference made up from councillors' other budgets.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little said the Waste Conference, at \$600 a person, sounded the sort of conference Regional staff should be attending

because of its technical approach.

Mr. Rinaldo said the conferences budget is intended to be enough for the year and it would be historically unusual that it should be spent within the first three months.

Although Mr. Rinaldo's records show only \$354 has so far been spent, his records don't show the upcoming conferences councillors have approved attendance to for 1987. That's what the Regional Chairman was getting at.

Mr. Rinaldo said he has no way of estimating how much councillors have already approved for conferences later in the year.

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