



## Aussie visit for Jamboree Scouts

Halton Hills Boy Scouts will enjoy a historic event for international scouting when the 16th World Scout Jamboree is held in Sydney, Australia from Dec. 30 to Jan. 7.

Brent Collier, Assistant District Commissioner for Venturers, gave the travelling Scouts a briefing to prepare them for the trip to the land down under. Brent showed the boys the Australian uniform and gave all Scouts, Venturers and Leaders red duffel bags adorned with the Maple Leaf.

Among the travelling troopers who have arrived in Australia are Craig Totten of 1st Glen Williams, Derek Pollit of 3rd Acton and Troop Scouter Duane Hickson of 3rd Acton. Brent Collier, Chris Lee, David Lobb, Dwight Spence, John Valentine, Scott Symes and Russ Law plan to board the plane Boxing Day.

Australian Scouting celebrates its 80th anniversary in 1988. The Jamboree will also mark the Bicentenary of the Australians, a year described as being "dedicated to youth and the future."

The Jamboree is being held at Cataract State Park, 70 kilometres south of Sydney in the state of New South Wales. The 300-acre park overlooks the Georges River. The park was cleared of undergrowth for the Jamboree and equipped with fresh sod.

The 4000 Scouts will find plenty of activities at the park. "Bushcraft" will include orienteering, archery and cycle cross. Water sports will include canoeing, surfing and sailing.

The Home Hospitality ceremony will open January 1, 1988, when temperatures are expected to reach a balmy 35 degrees Celsius.

The 16th World Scout Jamboree is the first jamboree ever held in Australia, or anywhere in the southern hemisphere.

**Legion Lines**

By JIM HAYES

**NEW YEARS EVE:** The Branch will be closing at 6 p.m. Re-opening at 9 p.m. for the New Year's parties. There are a few tickets left for the party in the Lounge, \$15 per couple. Music by Boots.

**NEW YEARS DAY:** President Harry Brown will be hosting the annual levee in the Lounge from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Time is getting very short for those members wishing to pay their dues this year. Do it now and be an early bird. Still a big pile of 1988 membership cards at the bar, if you have paid, check with the stewards.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Chairman Gib Telford will be having a meat draw on Saturday Jan. 2.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** In the Lounge: Norm and Audrey Eyre will be providing the music during the afternoon of New Year's Day. Come on down Saturday, Jan. 2. Daniel Bruce, Sat. Jan. 9 Ken and Hazel.

## It's time to file away your credit cards

By DONNA KELL  
Herald Special

Christmas spending can get out of hand, according to Janice Josiak of Halton Credit Counselling.

"People get bored with paying Christmas bills in the middle of July," said Ms. Josiak. "The ideal situation is to set aside so many dollars per month."

Since few people actually do this, Ms. Josiak recommends that after the Christmas spending spree, "put the cards away!" and start planning for next year.

"Sit down after Christmas and try to tally up what you have spent," she advises. Most people avoid this confrontation until several months into the new year.

"It's usually February or March when people realize they've blown it," she said.

Advice from Ms. Josiak to credit card users is to use plastic wisely. "Credit cards are meant to enhance and improve your lifestyle. If they cause stress, worry and problems, you probably shouldn't be using them."

Research in the United States indicates that there may be people who are "spendaholics," said Ms. Josiak, but that does not apply to most of us who are simply uncontrolled at Christmas.

People give into the temptation of panic buying, said Ms. Josiak. They mistake high pressure shopping for

Christmas spirit. "The best thing anyone can do," she warned, "is to not wait until Dec. 24."

Easier said than done. If you are an early shopper, you are no doubt laughing at the insane crowds equipped with their credit cards, lining up in shopping malls. If you are a late shopper, perhaps planning next year using your "disposable income" will help.

"Disposable income," explained Ms. Josiak, "is what you have left over after paying the bills." This, she recommends, is the figure you should use to determine your Christmas spending limit.

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By DIAHANN NADEAU  
Herald Special

Oh good - another pathos ridden, mawkishly sentimental Christmas film full of sweet and sad stereotypes and cute flying saucers. Just what I needed. I mean, there's such a shortage of sentiment on television for the holidays. Ah shucks, gee whiz, another miracle in New York. And not on Thirty-Fourth Street.

No, the miracle is not at Macy's but at a brownstone in the Lower East Side. Five people are clinging to their exhausted building, determined not to move out despite the wrecking ball at the doorstep. And what a quintet! What original and creative mind came up with these characters?

We have Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy as an aging couple, the Rileys, who own a coffee shop in the building. Faye Riley is senile. This is meant to be both comical and pathetic. It was just depressing to me. Frank looks after her as best he can.

Harry, (Frank MacRae), a giant ex-boxer, is the token black. He says nothing and watches TV all day. He is gentle and kind-hearted despite his hulking body.

Elizabeth Pena is (get this for originality) a single, pregnant, religious, Hispanic woman. Her boyfriend, Hector, is on the road as a musician. She's waiting for him to come back and take care of her. She hasn't even bothered to see a doctor. And the baby is due in "two or three months" - what the heck, these things just happen, right?

I won't spoil the rest of this predictable plot for you. I think many people in the audience liked this film far more than I did. I did not laugh often because I resented being manipulated by the depressing plot and characters. I cared not at all about any of them and I cared even less about the little space-creatures. Bah, humbug.

If you don't mind predictable plots and stereotyped characters then you'll probably like this movie. You can take the whole family, but I think kids under five will have a hard time with some frightening scenes.

This movie, by the way, is produced by Steven Spielberg. It was directed by Matthew Robbins. I think Spielberg was too absorbed in making The Empire of the Sun to bother with this film. Too bad. Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy deserve better. So does the audience.

## Fire dept. busy Christmas week

Many Georgetown residents may have spent the Christmas holidays relaxing off turkey dinners but several resuscitation calls, an accident washdown and the smell of something burning kept the fire department busy last week.

Dec. 23 at 5:34 a.m. firefighters investigated a smell of something burning at Night Crossing Restaurant at 7 Main St. N. There was no fire, smoke or flames.

Firefighters handled a washdown on Trafalgar Road and the south 32 Sideroad following an accident at 2:18 a.m. Dec. 23.

A man with chest pains needed resuscitation Dec. 25 at 10:44 a.m. at the Guelph Line north of the 20th Sideroad in Acton.

Dec. 27 at 1:40 a.m. firefighters were sent to the Erin-Halton Town Line and the 32 Sideroad just west of Highway 25 in Acton where an unidentified person needed to be resuscitated.

Fire officials responded to a service call Dec. 25 at 5:02 p.m. to investigate children playing on the ice of Fairy Lake in Acton. When the fire department arrived there were no children but there was evidence of snowballs being thrown onto the lake.

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Mason (Dennis Boutsikaris) is the artist who lives across the landing. Believe it or not, he has a beard and longish hair. He's not too successful at this point. When you see his paintings, you'll know why.

This desperate quintet are all being tormented by Carlos, (Michael Carmine), a Hispanic hoodlum who plans to work his way out of the ghetto by intimidating people and destroying their property. Gosh, another original character.

When all looks blackest, Faye Riley opens her window for the night. Two small spaceships fly in and plug themselves into a wall outlet. Well, in no time at all they have proven themselves invaluable by restoring everything that Carlos, that ambitious thug, has destroyed in the last twenty-four hours.

This really spooks Carlos but rallies the desperate quintet. Soon the mystery couple are having baby spaceships. They're just so gosh darn cute! (Wait till you see them learning to fly. I was slipping into a sugar coma by that time).

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