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Magic treat

You are in for a real magical treat when the Physically Handicapped Citizens Affiliation presents the Master of Impossible phenomenon, Paul Royter.

Two shows are booked for Saturday, April 30 at the auditorium of Halton Centennial Manor, 185 Ontario Street South, Milton. The 8 p.m. show is intended for a younger audience under ten years of age. The 8 p.m. performance is more lengthy and guaranteed to tickle your funny bone.

Tickets can be purchased at Tyson's Health Care Centre in Milton or ordered by calling PHCA at 877-1436. Tickets cost \$7 per person or \$24 for a family pass of four.

No one ever outgrows magic and the performances can be enjoyed by all.

Pioneer days

Downtown Georgetown will be partially closed to traffic June 16, 17 and 18 for Pioneer Days. Roads will be closed - Main Street between James and Church from 8 a.m. to midnight for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Through traffic on Mill Street will be permitted.

PC meeting

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Association of Halton North will hold its annual meeting on April 20 at the Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant, 324 Steeles Avenue, Milton.

The meeting will feature the installation of a new executive as well as the adoption of a new constitution.

For further information, contact Ted Hillon, Acton Area President, at 519-853-3208.

Family resarch

The Halton-Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, will meet April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Civic Centre (Chinguacousy Library), Bramalea City Centre, Bramalea. Topic: United Empire Loyalist Settlers of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Counties. Visitors welcome.

Wright coming

Laurali Wright, "Canada's Queen of Crime Fiction", will be coming to the Gallery of the Georgetown Library and Cultural Centre on Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. This acclaimed author has written such novels as the Edgar Award winning "The Suspect" and its sequel "Sleep While I Sing". This is a National Book Festival Author Reading, sponsored by Canada Council. There will be no charge. For more information call 873-2881.

Book sale

Saturday, April 16 is the annual book sale hosted by the Georgetown University Women's Club. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church Hall (corner of Main and Church St., Georgetown). Refreshments are available. All proceeds go to student scholarships in Halton Hills. Arrive early for best selection.

Spring slides

Celebrate the coming of spring with the Friends of Halton Museum April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum's Main Building.

Dynamic artist Cathie Belyea will present three audio visual shows.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. New members are always welcomed. For further information call 875-2200.

SASH needs help

The Sexual Assault Services of Halton (SASH) needs volunteers for an eight-week training session beginning May 10. People are needed to answer calls for crisis help, for executive and committee members. For more information call 875-1555.

Newcomers meet

The Georgetown Newcomers club meets at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road S. at 7:30 p.m. April 20.

Come out and meet some new people. The guest speaker is Gail Spence from The Hobby Horse. She will be discussing quilting techniques and other fabric related crafts.

For more information call Pat, 873-0277.

Pioneer dies

The last Bell Canada supervisor in Georgetown died April 8 at St. Raphael's Nursing Home in Toronto. Mabel Chave was 102 years old.

Mrs. Chave was a Bell Canada pioneer and the last Georgetown supervisor for Bell before the system took over in 1953. She was well liked by her co-workers and the townspeople generally and was a member of the IOOE and Holy Cross Church.

Her funeral took place Monday morning from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Thornhill. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. She is the daughter of the late William and Martha Chave and sister of the late Mary Richardson, Elizabeth Kennedy and Edward.



Looking for bounty

Look for bounty and pieces of eight; a crazy boat crew Lions Club of Georgetown in aid of Multiple Sclerosis, navigates down the Credit River from Terra Cotta. For more pictures see page A6. (Herald photo by Donna Saturday. Dozens and dozens of home-made craft took to Kell) the whitewater in the annual race sponsored by the

Walt Elliot's win at polls tops NDP, PC expenses

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Halton North MPP Walt Elliot may have been swept into power along with the rest of the Liberal party but he spent more than the other two parties combined to do it.

Between Mr. Elliot and the Liberal Riding Association the big red machine spent more than \$48,000 to get their candidate elected in Halton North during the last provincial election.

Conservative candidate Dave Whiting and his party association spent more than \$22,000 on their election campaign and Fern Wolf and the New Democrats spent only \$15,000.

While the Liberals spent the most, they are also the party left with the highest debts after the campaign.

Mr. Elliot raised about \$25,000 from fund-raising efforts and the Liberal riding association raised another \$8,000. After government reimbursements for campaign expenses, Mr. Elliot is in the black by \$400 but his party is facing a \$7,000



Walt Elliot

Dave Whiting

deficit from the campaign. New Democratic Party candidate Fern Wolf managed to raise \$10,000 for her campaign and the party picked up another \$3,000. But Ms. Wolf spent only \$10,400 on her campaign and the party spent almost \$6,000. Campaign reimbursements left Ms. Wolf with an \$8,100 surplus while her party association is \$3,000 in the hole.

Conservative Dave Whiting is the only candidate whose personal campaign is in the hole after the election.

Mr. Whiting needs to raise another \$35 to cover his own debts.

The Conservative Party meanwhile, spent only \$156 on the Halton North campaign and they are holding an extra \$1,000 after the campaign.

The \$8,000 surplus in Ms. Wolf's campaign will be transferred to the NDP riding association.

"And where did all that money come from?"

Provincial law demands that all donations over \$100 be disclosed and that donations from any one company be limited to \$750.

Mr. Elliot's expense accounts show that his campaign income came mainly from private citizens and some businesses.

Mr. Whiting's campaign revenues - donations more than \$100 - are evenly split between private citizens and companies and the vast amount of Ms. Wolf's campaign revenue came from unions. The biggest contributor was several different locals of the Canadian Auto Workers Union which donated more than \$2,700.

Benefit for coma patient to cover treatment costs

Elizabeth's Fashions is holding a benefit fashion show for Paul Franks, the young man who has been in a coma since he was involved in a car accident early in 1987.

The fashion show will take place at the Holy Cross Parish Hall April 27 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds will go to the Franks family.

Paul Franks will be transferred to a hospital in Pennsylvania, which specializes in coma patients in about two weeks and Elizabeth McNeilly, owner of Elizabeth's Fashions, wants to help defray the expense of transferring the 22-year-old son of Mary and Jim Franks.

OHIP will pay for most of the cost of keeping Paul in the hospital but the cost of transporting him there, and visiting him on the weekends, is likely to become expensive, said Mrs. McNeilly.

The show will feature spring and



Paul Franks

summer fashions with a variety of door prizes to be given out, said Mrs. McNeilly.

The benefit for Paul is the first benefit show Mrs. McNeilly has ever presented. "I've known Mary for a

few years through working with her at the Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion," said Mrs. McNeilly.

"I wanted to do something to help her. The only way I could think of doing it was to use my business."

The show starts at 8 p.m. but refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m., said Mrs. McNeilly.

All door prizes and food and drinks will be donated so all the proceeds can go to the Franks family.

"I feel that the community will support them," said Mrs. McNeilly.

She has made 400 tickets available for the show so if it sells out that's \$2,000 to the Franks family.

Anyone who wishes to donate door prizes can contact Margaret Vint at 877-6002.

Tickets are available at Elizabeth's Fashions on Main Street in Georgetown, Raves Hairstylists on Guelph Street or by calling 873-1470.

Pleasant tax surprise from Region

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Taxpayers in Halton will get a pleasant surprise when they get their regional tax bill in 1988.

Even with a whopping 46 per cent increase in Halton's solid waste disposal budget for 1988 the average resident will pay only \$17 or 3.5 per cent more on their tax bill this year.

That's down from a 4.7 per cent increase projected in January.

Since January, the budget numbers have been tossed around by several committees and the new numbers are favorable to taxpayers.

The water and sewer rate budgets and the solid waste disposal budgets were approved late last year but the final effects on the tax bill couldn't be assessed until council approved the tax-supported budget last week.

The reason for the 1.2 per cent drop in Regional taxes is because of a 2.2 per cent increase in property taxes instead of the projected 4.9 per cent.

To taxpayers that means you'll only pay \$4.77 more on your property taxes instead of the \$10.47 predicted in January.

The net effect of all this is that residents in Halton will pay on average \$499 for all Regional services in 1988.

Halton's garbage disposal problems are keeping taxes up as high as they are, even though the increase is smaller than the national rate of inflation - 4.0 per cent, and the Toronto area inflation rate of 4.6 per cent.

That huge 45.6 per cent increase in garbage disposal costs translates into a 1.9 per cent increase in regional taxes.

Part of the reason for the smaller increase in property taxes is a larger than expected increase in assessment in Halton.

The Region had a seven per cent increase in assessment last year compared to a projected five per cent increase.

The lion's share of the increased assessment came from the decision by the City of Burlington to change their taxation procedures to market value assessment.

Despite the relatively small increase in the Region's budget Oakville Coun. John Graham objected.

He used the budget discussion to launch his attack on the make up of Halton's Police Commission and the \$25 million police budget approved this year.

Coun. Graham found himself in a heated public debate with Halton Police Chief James Harding two weeks ago when he said the police commission should be disbanded and replaced by a committee of council.

Right now the police commission is made up of three citizens appointed by the province and two Regional councillors.

Chief Harding adamantly opposed replacing the commission with politicians.

Coun. Graham complained that for the first time in Halton's history the police budget comprises over half of the (\$48 million) tax supported budget.

The Region cannot control the police budget, only appeal it to the Ontario Police Commission, which rarely supports such appeals, said Coun. Graham.

He complained that the police budget increase of over nine per cent and more than \$600,000 for new programs in 1988 is excessive compared to the Region's relatively low increase and the \$300,000 for new Regional programs.

"It's not a personal matter, it's an issue of government and the ultimate responsibility of the budget," said Coun. Graham who supported the Region's budget because it would be "an exercise in futility" to oppose it.

"Each year (the police commission) is able to take the biggest piece of the cake and it does," said Coun. Graham.

He said the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) took a similar position in its discussion on committees in 1986.

Coun. Graham found some allies among his audience.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkever said the police commission and the Children's Aid Society are two bodies funded by the Region that is not officially under its control.

He said there is a "good argument for a totally elected body" for the police commission.

Burlington Coun. Rob Forbes also questioned the current police budgeting process.

He questioned a system in which "one body makes a decision and another body takes responsibility for that decision."

The issue will be discussed at the April 27 meeting of the Region's Finance and Administration committee.

Grass fires troublesome

Firefighters attended to numerous grass fires and bon fires during the past week.

Firefighters doused a grass fire April 9 at 4:19 p.m. on the Second Line between the 20th and 25th Sideroads in Nassagaweya.

Eleven firefighters responded to a 1:14 p.m. grass fire April 10 on Trafalgar Road and north of Silvercreek. The fire was out when they arrived.

April 10 at 2:54 p.m. the fire department attended to a grass fire on the Fifth Sideroad between the Fourth and Fifth Line.

Ten firemen responded to an alarm activation April 5 at 3:41 p.m.

at the Bennett Centre on Princess Anne Drive. It was a false alarm.

A bon fire April 9 at 9:47 p.m. called firefighters to 57 Young St. in Acton.

Firefighters rushed to the Fifth Line in Limehouse April 10 at 1:09 a.m. to attend to a chimney fire.

Six firefighters rushed to Todd Road to put out diesel fuel, which was on fire, April 8 at 10:16 a.m. There was no damage.

April 10 at 10:17 p.m. firefighters doused a bon fire on the 25th Sideroad between the Fifth and Sixth Lines.

Firefighters attended to a rescusator call April 11 at 12:13 a.m. at 62 Longfield Rd. in Acton.

Officer recruit John makes dream come true

By CHERYL MOODER
Herald Staff

Little boys often dream of being a police officer but end up being businessmen.

John Channell though never outgrew his dream. The 23-year-old Mississauga man is a new recruit on the Halton Regional Police Force.

"I have always wanted to be a police officer," Mr. Channell said. "It has always been my dream."

The police officer began working towards his dream when he entered Brock University in St. Catharines after completing Grade 13 at Lorne Park School in Mississauga.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in sociology, which he figures will put him in good stead when answering calls such as domestic disputes.

Getting on a police force isn't easy. "It is a difficult occupation to get into," Mr. Channell said. "You have to apply everywhere and keep your fingers crossed."

Before being accepted by the force, Mr. Channell spent an evening following a police officer on his

night shift to get first hand knowledge, he said.

It was just a routine night but the recruit found the experience fantastic. "It made me want to be a police officer now," he said.

Once hired by the Halton Regional Police Force, the rookie's training had only begun. Mr. Channell spent the first seven weeks learning the ropes of the Halton police force before being sent to the Ontario Police College in Aylmer for nine weeks.

In Aylmer Mr. Channell learned basic training. He took practical courses such as self defence and how to drive police cruisers and classes on provincial and federal laws.

The toughest think for Mr. Channell during these weeks was retaining the mass of information he was presented with.

"This job has so many laws and procedures to learn," he said. "I think that is why the training process is so extensive."

"This job is always changing," Mr. Channell said. There are new ways of doing things and you have to keep on top of things, he added. For the next two months the new

recruit is with a coaching officer learning on the job training.

In approximately two years he

will return to Aylmer to take up date training.

Although Mr. Channell is aware that he could be killed it does not worry him.

"It is something you always have in the back of your mind," he said. "I know this and always take preventative measures."

For example, when approaching a car, the recruit would stand so he could not be hit by an opening door or move the squad car over so as not to be hit.

When going to a call, the police recruit would think ahead and do some mental role playing.

As long as you are aware as to what might happen and use common sense you can prepare, he said.

Halton Region was Mr. Channell's first choice on his list of potential employers. "It is a force unlike any other force," he said.

Halton operates on a proactive police style, which means the force gets involved in the community more. The Mississauga man enjoys getting out and mingling with people.

Mr. Channell really likes the peo-

ple he has come in contact with since joining the force. "I developed good friendships in college," he said. "Even the guys here are a really good bunch."

"They are all patient with the new recruit," Mr. Channell said. They realize he is still learning.

There is a real bonding between police officers, which Mr. Channell feels comes from working together.

"We are always working together and that is what bonds us," he said. "We are a team."

As well as working as a police officer, Mr. Channell is a voluntary probation officer with Mississauga Correctional Services.

He was a Cub leader and worked as a security guard one summer for the parks department in his hometown.

During school the recruit was active in sports, playing hockey, squash, running and biking.

For now though, Mr. Channell is working hard and enjoying his budding career as a police officer.

At the moment he is working out of the Milton station but will be moving to Georgetown within a month.



John Channell