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## IN THE HILLS

### Cinderella call

Georgetown Little Theatre Productions Inc. will be holding auditions for its Christmas show "Cinderella" on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. at their home in the old Stewarttown Town Hall in Stewarttown. Come enjoy the fun. Sorry no parts for people under the age of 14. For more information call Mary Jane at 873-1733.

### Volunteers needed

If you are creative, enthusiastic and have writing skills, the Oakville branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association would like to meet you. The CMHA urgently requires volunteers to assist with its newsletter. To find out how you can become involved in this exciting work, contact the Oakville CMHA at 845-5044.

### Newcomers meet

Georgetown Newcomers will meet at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. South on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be from the Halton District Centre.

Georgetown Newcomers meet the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are of interest to women, but we offer family outings and monthly social clubs to include spouses. For more information please contact Deb at 877-7878.

### Special speaker

Dr. Ann Squires, former moderator of the United Church of Canada, will be the guest speaker at the 149th anniversary of St. John's United Church of Georgetown, Sunday, Oct. 23. There will be special music provided by the choir. Coffee hour after the service.

### Literacy AGM

The North Halton Literacy Guild will hold its annual general meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre meeting room in Georgetown.

Guest speakers for the meeting will include Bruce Gillies, director of Continuing Education for the Halton Catholic Board of Education, and Don Baker, director of Continuing Education for the Halton Board of Education.

A new board of directors will also be decided on at the meeting.

### Vendors wanted

Vendors are being sought for a Craft and Antique Sale which will be held Dec. 3 and 4 at Georgetown District High School.

The sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. For more information and to obtain application forms, call Dave Lawrence at GDHS, 877-6966.

### Project Playground

Come out and enjoy Project Playground's night of Christmas shopping at the Glen Williams Town Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. We are having a Creative Kids and Pigtail party showing high-quality educational toys, games and books. All proceeds to purchase playground equipment for the Glen Williams park. RSVP to Gail Bibby-LaBranche at 877-0635. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.

### Free Trade tape

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce is on the information mailing list of the Government of Canada, and is receiving a great deal of information regarding the Free Trade Agreement.

In addition to the printed material, the government has also sent to the office a video cassette entitled Canada/US Trade Agreement Opportunity and Challenge. The video has a duration of 11:50 minutes.

The Chamber will make this video available to interested groups, schools or Chamber members. Call 877-7119 if you wish to view this video or receive copies of any of the written material that are available.

The Georgetown Chamber is devoted to assisting businesses in the area. If it can assist your business please give the office a call.

### Take precautions

Halton Regional Police are advising Halton Hills residents to take precautions if anyone comes to the door claiming they are from elections Canada.

Two men went to a home on Maple Avenue Tuesday afternoon and asked for the signature of the occupants.

Det. Sgt. Ron Welsh said no signatures are needed to be enumerated for the pending federal election.

He urged anyone who is approached by strangers at the door to ask for identification and check carefully the form presented to them.

The two men have an official looking form, said Det. Sgt. Welsh. Police are looking into the matter.

## Town retains lawyer

The town of Halton Hills has hired lawyer Roger Beaman to help in the fight against the Acton landfill proposal.

Mr. Beaman, of the law firm Thomson, Rogers will help guide the town through the complicated steps of the Environmental Assessment process in the fight against the dump.

Councillors voted to take the first step in their involvement in the fight on Monday following a plea by the citizens group POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) two weeks ago for the town to play a lead role in the issue.

The Toronto lawyer has excellent credentials, said Mr. Costea. Town councillors and staff are familiar with him and he "is well respected in the legal community," said Mr. Costea.

Mr. Beaman has worked for the town of Halton Hills before, as well as the City of Cambridge, Peel Region, York Region and the York Region School Board.

He is recognized as an expert on municipal law and he has sat on various government boards in Ontario, said Mr. Costea.

The law firm of Thomson, Rogers has a solicitor who specializes in environmental matters so Mr. Beaman can draw on that advice as well, said Mr. Costea.

He has worked in the Peel landfill issue and he has had several clients in the Environmental Assessment field.

But the town has not yet figured out how much it's going to pay for the lawyer's services.

Mr. Costea said "there will be considerable cost involved" in employing his services and councillors asked treasurer Ray King to report to the town on the funding requirements.

This is likely the first in a long series of steps and hirings the town will take in the battle against the private proposal to build a massive landfill site in a quarry near Limehouse capable of handling 20 million tonnes of garbage - possibly including waste from Metropolitan Toronto - over the next 20 years.

The next step will likely be to hire an environmental specialist, followed by consultants in the areas of needed study, such as hydrology



Precarious Perch

Juggler and magician Jeff Bradley was on hand at the Connections '88 community open house held at Acton High School Saturday. The Hamilton resident kept kids and adults laughing and amused with his wit and humor as well as his tricks. Here, the juggling part of Mr. Bradley shines through as he balances on three cylinders and juggles three large knives. (Herald photo)

## Youths charged in thefts

Two youths have been charged with theft and possession of stolen goods after police found two suspects driving a stolen car containing over \$1,000 worth of possibly stolen goods early Sunday morning.

Police stopped two male occupants in a 1979 Pontiac LeMans around 4 a.m. Sunday morning, and discovered that the car belonged to a Mill Street resident who had not yet reported the car stolen.

A police search of the vehicle revealed over 100 cassette tapes, a small amount of cash, jewelry, watches, a flashlight, cigars, cigarettes, vehicle registration papers, pens, pencils, "various" bank passbooks, two knives, one a pocket-knife, one in a sheath and several cameras.

Police say it "appears" the items are stolen, but further charges are pending a police investigation.

The youths, aged 14 and 15, appeared in court Monday for a bail hearing.

## Police warn parents following incident

Halton Regional Police want to warn local Georgetown residents to advise their children against talking to strangers following a report of a strange man lurking near Delrex Boulevard last week.

Police say a seven-year-old boy was walking on a pathway near his home when a strange man approached and said, "Your

mother's sick, come with me."

The man, spotted in the area Friday afternoon around 4 p.m., is described as a white male, around 40 years old, with a moustache, grey or blond hair, and wearing dark pants and a dark coat.

Halton police are asking parents to caution their children and to report any incidents.

## Lost boys found safe

About 50 Acton residents joined forces with Halton Regional Police Sunday to assist in the search for two missing boys, who were later found near Georgetown.

Halton police say they requested the help of civilians in scouring Acton to find a 9-year-old boy from Acton Boulevard and his 10-year-old friend from Norman Avenue.

The two boys had wandered along a railway track to the Masonic Lodge in Georgetown, where a caretaker discovered they were lost and contacted the police.

The police-civilian search included checking vacant buildings, parked cars, railway tracks and canvassing "numerous" homes. The boys were found at 7:45 p.m. Sunday night.

## All candidates meeting

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a Meet The Candidates Night for the Nov. 14 municipal elections.

Halton Hills is on the verge of a population explosion, and this will present council for the town of Halton Hills with new challenges, many of which will require tough decisions. Some of the issues facing the candidates for mayor and council include garbage, the proposed landfill site in Acton, Sunday shopping, roads and many more.

Come and hear the candidates in debate and ask your questions; it is important that you are aware of their positions. These people will represent you for the next three years.

The candidates for the Wards 2, 3 and 4 as well as mayoralty candidates will be in attendance, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Saere Coeur Hall.

For further information call the Chamber office at 877-7119.

## Nominations closed Adversaries set for local election

The deadline for declaring candidacy for the November municipal elections passed relatively quietly Monday.

In Halton Hills most of the councillors were acclaimed to their positions, with only three races left to be run.

For the mayor's position incumbent Russ Miller will take on Ward 2 Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon.

There is only one battle going on for one of the four Regional councillors' positions.

In Ward 1 (Acton) Rick Bonnette has been acclaimed to his second term.

In Ward 2 Joe Hewitt is attempting to move to the Regional position from his current status as a town councillor but he will have to take on newcomer Bill Robson.

In Ward 3, which was vacated by John McDonald who has moved to Milton, town Councillor Pam Johnston has been acclaimed to the Regional position.

In Ward 4 Marilyn Serjeantson was acclaimed to the Region.

There are two races going on for local councillors' positions. Each of the four wards has two councillors to represent them.

In Ward 1 (Acton) Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie were acclaimed to their positions.

In Ward 2, which has been left vacant by Joe Hewitt's bid for the Regional position and Peter Norton's decision to withdraw, there are three contenders. Robert Heaton, Alf Spence and Don McQueen are all

vying for positions on town council.

In Ward 3 there is another three-way race involving newcomers. That ward was left vacant when incumbents Betty Fisher retired to take over the Executive Director position at the United Way and Pam Johnston moved up to the Region. Pat McCarthy, Tom Politi and Anne Currie are all seeking the Ward 3 seats on town council.

In Ward 4, incumbents Al Cook and Lil Bowman were acclaimed.

There are races in three of the four wards for spots on the Hydro-Electric Commission. In Ward 1 incumbent Doug Mason has been acclaimed.

In Ward 2 incumbent Muri Allison is taking on Don Murdy.

In Ward 3 incumbent Ab Tennant is up against newcomer Jim Fisher.

In Ward 4 incumbent William Smith is taking on Larry Allen.

There is only one race under way for school board trustees in Halton Hills.

Incumbent Arlene Bruce has been acclaimed to her position as the public school board trustee for Wards 1 and 2.

The battle for the trustee position representing Wards 3 and 4 is a three-way race between incumbent Dick Hewitt, and Lyn Aggar and Rod Taylor.

Irene McCauley was acclaimed to the separate school board as the English representative and Ken Norman is the French representative on the separate school board.

## Advance poll dates

Halton Hills' 25,441 voters will go to the polls for the municipal elections Nov. 14.

About 80 polls will be set up throughout the riding. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The town has also scheduled two advanced polls. The advanced polls, scheduled for Nov. 5 and

Nov. 10, will be held at the Acton Community Centre for Wards 1 and 2 and at the Cultural Centre in Georgetown for Wards 2, 3 and 4.

The advanced polls will also be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The deadline for new candidates passed Monday and the ballots for the Nov. 14 election are being printed today.

## Building department updated

The town has accepted a series of new recommendations submitted by the Ontario Housing Ministry designed to give the building department a higher profile and bring its methods into line with other building departments.

The title of the chief building official will now be Director of Building Services and the building department will now be known as the Building Services Department.

The town will also produce a builders' guide brochure to provide information such as when a building permit is required, what kinds of plans should be submitted to the town, and what approvals are needed.

The guide should reduce the consultation process with the town and lead to consistent standards in submission of applications, said Administrator Clerk Dan Costea.

The brochure will be put together in January with distribution expected some time in that month.

Other recommendations include merging building and plumbing permit applications, installing a "failure to comply" clause in building terms of agreements, updating building, plumbing and appointment bylaws and charges, computerizing the building and plumbing divisions, the addition of a mechanical inspector to the staff of six the department now has, and establishing a higher media profile through open houses, a liaison committee with associations and professionals, and advertising in newspapers.

## Rabies clinic on Saturday

Pets can be protected from Rabies with a quick visit to the immunization clinics being held in Halton Hills Oct. 22.

Sponsored by the North Halton Veterinary Association, the clinics will be held at Cedarvale Com-

munity Centre in Georgetown and Prospect Park in Acton between 1 and 3 p.m.

Vaccines will be \$5 a shot, with the cost subsidized by vaccine companies.

## Lois Gibbs tells gathering to take on political fight

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

If citizens of Halton Hills want to stop the Acton landfill proposal they'll have to organize and fight it on a political level, Lois Gibbs, a veteran of the Love Canal battle in New York said Friday.

"The name of the game is embarrassment in politics," said Ms. Gibbs.

"If (Environment Minister) Jim Bradley won't come here and talk to you, why don't you go and talk to him?"

Ms. Gibbs lived in the infamous Love Canal project in New York. That project was found to be sitting on top of a toxic waste site. Residents there suffered severe symptoms of toxic poisoning, resulting in sickness and birth defects many times above the national average.

Homeowners were eventually evacuated from the subdivision in the late 1970s.

Ms. Gibbs told a gathering of about 300 people at Georgetown District High School that fighting the landfill proposal on scientific or legal grounds is useless.

Citizens Clearing House, based in Washington, DC, helps groups to organize and fight such proposals, said Ms. Gibbs, a member of the organization. And groups who fight them on political level win while attempts to fight on scientific or legal grounds have continually failed, she said.

"Jim Bradley is a political animal," said Ms. Gibbs.

She urged POWER (the citizens' group fighting the landfill proposal) to "stand in front of trucks" if the dump proposal is successful.

She also suggested citizens make a symbolic coffin and take it in a motorcade of 20 cars to Queen's Park at rush hour. Residents could then hand out flyers to cars forced to stop, she said.

Other political measures include making a "symbolic outhouse" with a hidden microphone to converse with passers-by at Queen's Park.

"The key to the game is education and political clout," said Ms. Gibbs.

One group in the US spent \$250,000 to fight a landfill proposal on scientific and legal grounds and they lost the fight, said Ms. Gibbs.

Every group which has fought landfill sites on political grounds has won, she added.

She told audience members not to rely on the government to bring the proposal to a halt.

"Don't just get support from politicians. Push those people. Get tangible action things from them."

A consultant's report on how best to find landfill sites says companies should look for a rural area with moderate to low income, something that's already violated the land (such as a quarry) and Catholic people, said Ms. Gibbs. She could not explain why the report recommended a Catholic community.

"You are the perfect target. You guys have been targeted," she said. "They have this nice, naive community here where they can come in and no one's going to suspect," she said.

Every landfill site leaks regardless of engineering or make-

up of the site, she said.

"Nobody will disagree that all landfill sites leak."

Historically, once a landfill site is filled, companies will pull out of the area, said Ms. Gibbs.

"They'll give you a leachate collection system then they'll change their assets and you all will be left with a leaking dump, bad health, contaminated water and they'll walk away with millions of dollars."

"Don't tell me that quarry can't be a beautiful lake and park and that it has to be something disgusting and like a cancer that will crawl out and get you all."

One-third of the worst polluting sites in the United States are landfill sites, said Ms. Gibbs.

She recalled the tale of her own horrifying experience with the toxic waste site in Love Canal and how her "American Dream" turned into a

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Lois Gibbs, one of the key players in the fight at Love Canal in New York was at Georgetown High School Friday to tell 300 people about the dangers of living next to a landfill site. Ms. Gibbs' horrifying

tale was the subject of a television movie. The emotional and dynamic speech was followed by a hearty applause. She urged residents to make the fight against the landfill a political battle. (Herald photo)