



Tripping Away

Gerda and Harald Schmidt won a \$1,400 trip for two to Las Vegas in the Beeline Travel draw last week. The Schmidts' names were drawn from a list of all people who booked a vacation through

Beeline in 1988. The trip includes four days and three nights at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel. Melitta Mannon (right), president of Beeline Travel, presented the trip. (Herald Photo)

Lights switched on; residents turned off

Halton Hills councillors are "baffled" by attempts to light a walkway between Dawson and Irwin Crescents in Georgetown.

Discussions on how to light the walkway have been going on since last summer and Monday councillors voted to disconnect two lights on the walkway leaving just one light working for a one-month trial period, to see if that satisfies residents' concerns.

Local residents approached the town last year asking councillors to do something about undesirable activities, such as vandalism, on the walkway.

The town decided not to close the walkway and sell or lease it to adjacent residents as they proposed, but to light it instead.

At a cost of \$10,000, three lights were placed on the walkway.

Town engineers consulted lighting experts asking for low-intensity lights which would illuminate the walkway.

Late last year residents asked for just one light, instead of three,

fearing the whole neighborhood would be illuminated.

They were assured the three lights would light up just the walkway.

Jan. 11, the lights were turned on. After a visit by Coun. Al Cook last week, he said: "I swear we had to have sunglasses in order not to hurt our eyes. It's just unfortunate that we have gotten carried away."

Coun. Norm Elliott compared the walkway to a supernova. Councillors were "baffled" by consultants, he said.

Residents are extremely unhappy with the lights, said Coun. Cook.

In a recorded vote, councillors voted 8-4 to disconnect the two lights for a one-month trial period.

The measure is viewed as temporary until other solutions, such as possibly replacing the glowing light bulbs with lower wattage bulbs and placing a housing on the lights to point the light away from the backyards of the residents, can be found.

Jr. rangers called

Walt Elliot, MPP for Halton North has announced that the Ministry of Natural Resources will again be offering its highly popular Junior Ranger Program for youths interested in outdoor work in resource management. The program is open to Ontario secondary school students born between Aug. 1, 1971 and Dec. 31, 1972.

Under the supervision of Ministry staff the participants will work on projects designed to protect and conserve public lands, waters and associated resources. The Junior Ranger receives free board and lodging as well as \$15 a day while working in one of the many staffed camps across the Province.

"A number of teenagers from the North Halton area have participated in the program," Mr. Elliot said. "It is a good way for

the participants to earn some money and learn about Ontario's natural resource heritage."

Interested teenagers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible since each student is selected on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for applications is March 31, 1989. Applications and additional information are available by telephoning (416) 965-1258 or writing to Ministry of Natural Resources, Human Resources Branch, Junior Ranger Program, Whitney Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3.

Outlook on Halton Hills

Building to start soon

Funding approved for co-op

The federal government has approved \$4.5 million in funding for the 40-unit Carruthers Road Co-operative and owners hope to start building within a month.

Lantana Non-profit Homes Corp. will build the co-operative on Carruthers Road in Georgetown thanks to a 30-year index-linked mortgage from Canada Life Mortgage Service Ltd. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is insuring the loan, which will be paid in amounts of about \$155,000 a year, said Bill Beatty, the acting manager at the CMHC.

Under the financing scheme, all the units will be subsidized because the mortgage is subsidized, but 30 per cent, or 12 units, will be subsidized even further to a maximum of 25 per cent of the tenants' income, said Lantana development co-ordinator Adam Czerechowicz.

Currently, provincial regulations allow only 30 per cent of such a co-operative to be subsidized to tie the rent to income, Mr. Czerechowicz said. However, he expects to increase that number to 50 per cent, or 20 units in Georgetown, once a provincial bill raising the maximum unit number is passed in the summer.

Lantana had hoped to begin construction last November for a 39-unit project which had been projected to cost about \$3.8 million. However, the company had trouble meeting the CMHC's funding guidelines. The firm approached the town of Halton Hills about the

possibility of waiving lot levies and the cost of road construction but no action was ever taken on the proposal by the town.

Since that time, the cost of the project has risen more than \$700,000 - mainly due to increased construction costs and an increase in Regional lot levies, said Mr. Czerechowicz.

And an extra unit has been added to the project.

Rents for the apartments for the year 1990 have already been set. The nine one-bedroom apartments will rent for \$600 a month, the 24

two-bedroom apartments will rent for \$750 a month and the seven three-bedroom apartments will cost \$860 a month, said Mr. Czerechowicz.

Twelve of those units (until Lantana is given permission to raise the amount to 20 units) will be further subsidized to 25 per cent of the tenants' gross income.

Mr. Czerechowicz hopes to have the first tenants in the building by Dec. 1.

Lantana is a non-profit group which specializes in setting up affordable homes. The firm, which has been in business since 1977, has set up about 60 housing projects in the Toronto area, said Mr. Czerechowicz.

Lantana is allowed to take two per cent of the "shelter costs" (in this case two per cent of \$3.8 million) as its fees. That means Lantana will get approximately \$109,000 from the Georgetown project, said Mr. Czerechowicz.

Once the sod is turned for construction a sign will be placed outside the development with a phone number for people to call if they want to be placed on a waiting list. Tenants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Local residents will be given priority, said Mr. Czerechowicz.

Prospective tenants will have to demonstrate "financial responsibility and the willingness to share in a co-operative organization," he said.

Townhouses possible for Acton

A non-profit housing organization is attempting to build townhouse units in Acton.

Lantana Non-profit Housing Corporation, the same firm which is setting up a 40-unit co-operative on Carruthers Road in Georgetown, is now actively looking for land for the townhouse project, said Adam Czerechowicz, the development co-ordinator with Lantana.

No specifics, including the number of units, have been set for the proposed project, said Mr. Czerechowicz.

Although rents will be "slightly higher" than the Georgetown co-operative, they will be set at "what we consider the market rate," said Mr. Czerechowicz.

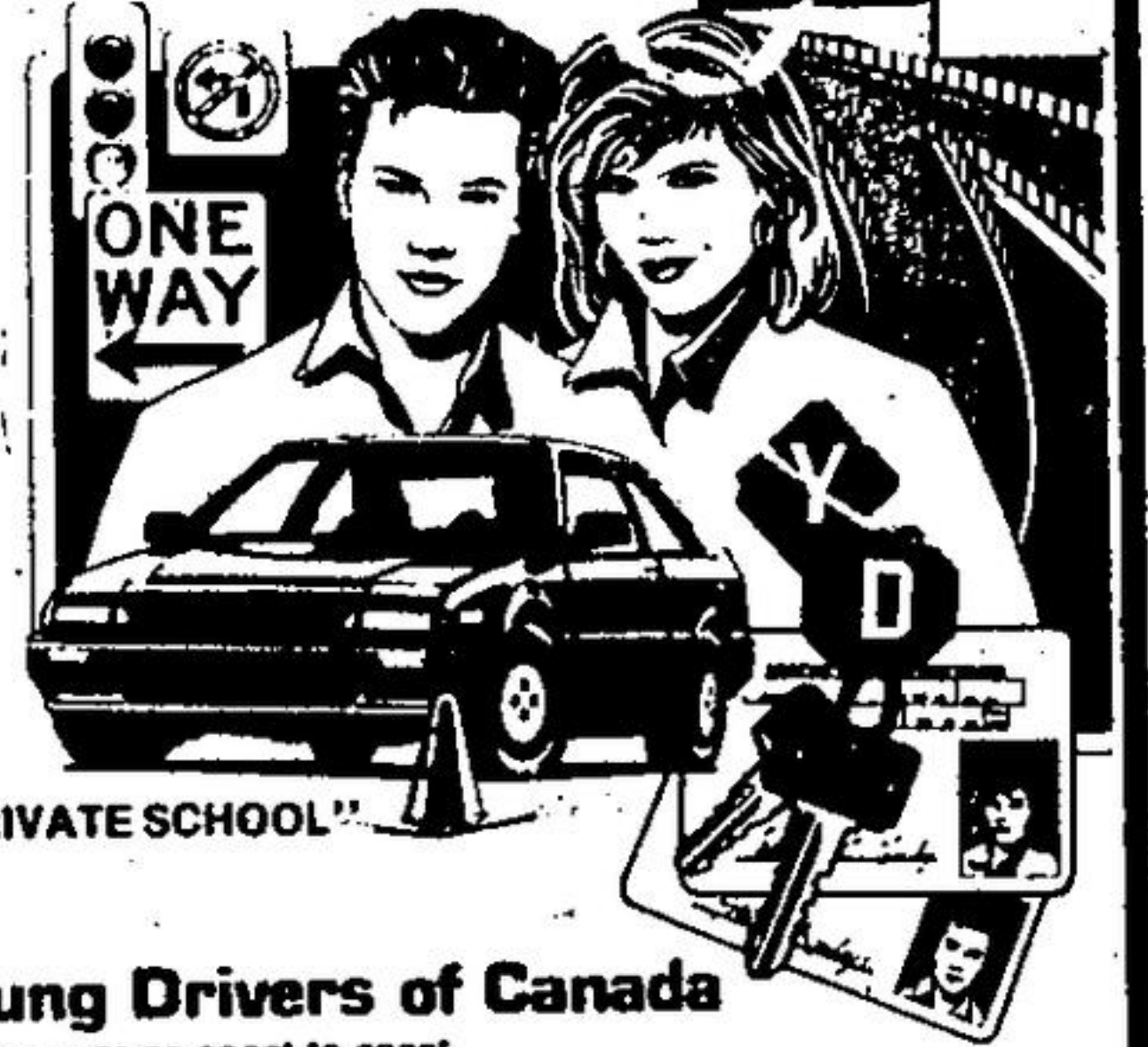
Vehicles collide

A Georgetown woman, 23, was charged with making an improper turn after her 1986 Chevrolet struck a Pontiac driven by a Georgetown woman, 47, Tuesday night. Police say the Chevrolet was eastbound on Guelph Street, near Delrex Boulevard, when it changed lanes suddenly and struck the 1979 Grand Am. Both cars were lightly damaged. Police report no injuries in the collision.

Minor injuries

A Limehouse man received minor injuries in a two-car collision at Sideroad 22 and Sixth Line Monday afternoon. Police say a 1989 Ford driven by the Limehouse man, 46, was westbound on Sideroad 22 when it was struck by a 1981 Ford that went through the stop sign. The 1981 Ford was moderately damaged, the 1989 Ford was severely damaged. Police are charging a Georgetown man, 17, with failing to stop.

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