

Homebuyers beware Mayor Miller warns

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller says "buyer beware" in speaking about recent home purchases in south Georgetown.

The mayor was responding to local inquiries from people who have bought from Fernbrook Homes, the company constructing 93 homes on Mountainview Road South. Fernbrook was to meet with developer Enterac Property Corporation Thursday afternoon to ask for a third registration extension.

If the extension is not approved, those who purchased homes from Fernbrook could lose their contracts, and then face increases in prices on the same homes if they choose to re-purchase.

"We at least do everything in our power to make the buyer aware," said Mayor Miller. But he said the problem is widespread. "You watch television and people are standing there, tears running down their faces."

Purchasers of Fernbrook homes have kept the Town of Halton Hills planning department busy with inquiries for the last few months, says Planning Director Ian Keith.

The Fernbrook situation "has had a disastrous and negative ef-

fect on our department," said Mr. Keith.

He said the town has received almost 100 telephone calls over the last few months from buyers wanting to know the status on Fernbrook homes.

"The unaware purchaser automatically assumes it must be okay, (that) the builders selling lots must be approved by the town," said Coun. Joe Hewitt.

"We're going to have to make some determination whether we want builders to sell lots within the town."

Fernbrook originally planned to construct 236 homes but later found that area water supplies would not support more than 93 homes, said Fernbrook Homes president Danny Salvatore.

Town Administrator Dan Costea said approval for Fernbrook registration, which was supposed to occur before April 28, will be delayed well into May. He said the town is waiting for a stormwater management program, and engineering and reviewing blueprints.

"We're reliant on the developers," he said.

Nobody told me about 'Fiesta Dance'

GDHS Report

by MICHELLE ROUILLARD

Hello Boys and Girls, how has the week been like at GDHS?

How come nobody told me there was going to be a "Fiesta Dance" last Friday night? Am I totally blind to the bold and beautiful posters adorning the great halls of the high school? Or is someone out there purposely trying to keep me away? Who thought of the title "Fiesta" anyway?

From what I've heard, it should have been called a "Siesta Dance."

This coming Monday all you future cooperative education students are supposed to come on out to Gym B on that day and night, to check out what all your peers have been doing at their placement for the past two and a half months. You will be permitted to ask the god-like co-op students and their teachers questions about their knowledge of the career they are interested in (and for some of them, it isn't the job they have for their co-op). I don't know about the

rest of you, but I'm certainly not looking forward to spending nine hours on Monday sitting on an extremely uncomfortable chair trying to look like I'm having fun. So, if I seem not too friendly, just leave me alone and let me drink my free Kool-Aid in peace.

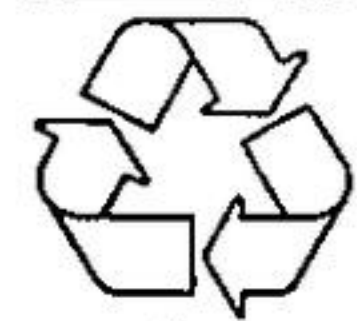
For the said project which consists of a display and a hand-out sheet for the interested public, I have not yet started it. I'm still attempting to find a store in town that sells Paisley Bristol board, but to no avail. This is the time of year when the student has way too much work to do (if he/she even attempts to try to do it) and not enough time to do it in. Santa Barbara and Young and the Restless are so much more important, don't you know. But, we try to keep our teachers smiling. Yeah right.

As of writing I guess those music students who are in Germany are still dancing to the beat of the Bavarian drum. Those of us who have remained behind are waiting in breathless anticipation for the

multitude of extravagant souvenirs our friends will bring back from the great land of Oztria.

Why don't you watch "Rebel Review" some time on Cable 4 and see what our talented Grade 12 media students do with their time. Recently the CRTC created a new law that states that such a show like "Rebel Review" cannot play any music of which the composer has not been dead for more than 50 years. So what does that leave us? Beethoven and the "Charleston." We'll see what happens.

That's it for me! Have a great weekend and try not to lose too much sleep over the budget leak, okay?



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summer. A nine per cent tax will be added on services and every item imaginable except mortgages, loans, dental and medical expenses and legal and educational services. The consumer will see this tax on the cash register receipt or invoice.

"Psychologically, I think the government is shooting itself in the foot," said Mr. Bulicki. He said it doesn't make "political sense" to charge a tax that people can more readily recognize. He said there must be financial gains for the government.

Mr. Lawton said the budget plan to cut \$8 billion by cancelling a nuclear submarine program and the proposal to shave some of the \$6.4 billion proposed for day-care are "easy cuts" by the government.

"But Mr. Lawton said we have to 'bite the bullet' sometime.

Seniors protest closure

Several local seniors are against the closing of a town road because they say they will have to walk twice as far to mail a letter.

Maple Avenue resident Bill Edie appeared on behalf of three other seniors at a public meeting Monday night at the Town of Halton Hills to say that if a 200-yard laneway near Stewarttown closes, he and the other seniors will have to walk a half mile to get to the Canada Post mailbox near the Georgetown Little Theatre building.

"By closing our road, it will (make us walk) a considerable distance to our mailbox," Mr. Edie said this week. He said it is a "good idea" to close the laneway, but said that the closure would add "extra pressure" on the seniors who live at his home because he is the only one who drives a car.

"If they'd give us our mailbox in

front of our property we'd drop all of our arguments," he said.

The laneway is being considered for sale to three residents whose properties abut the laneway. The town proposed to sell for \$7,000 plus expenses.

Town deputy administrator-clerk Delmar French said Mr. Edie's objections to the road closure will be reviewed at the next town council meeting before a sale can be approved.

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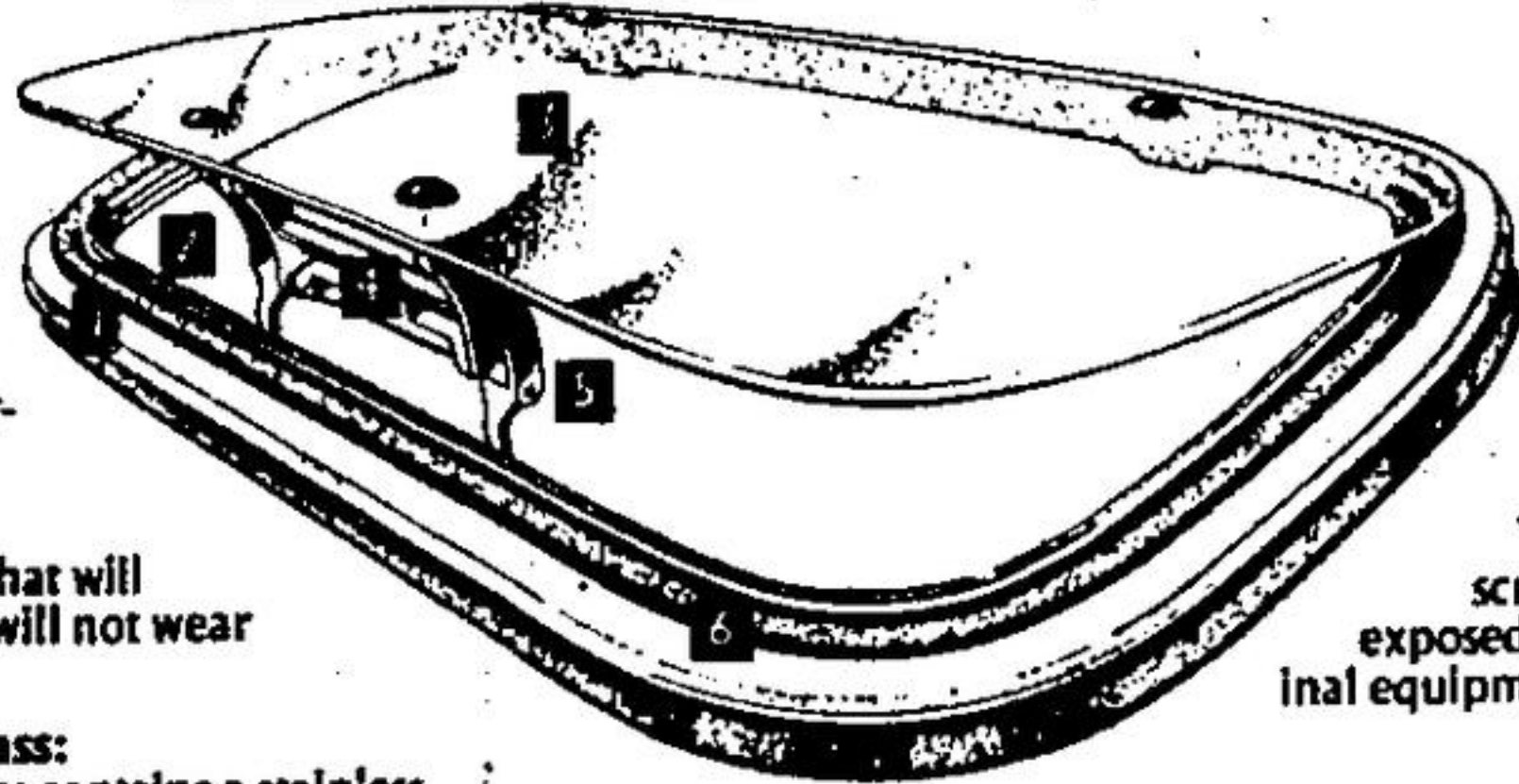
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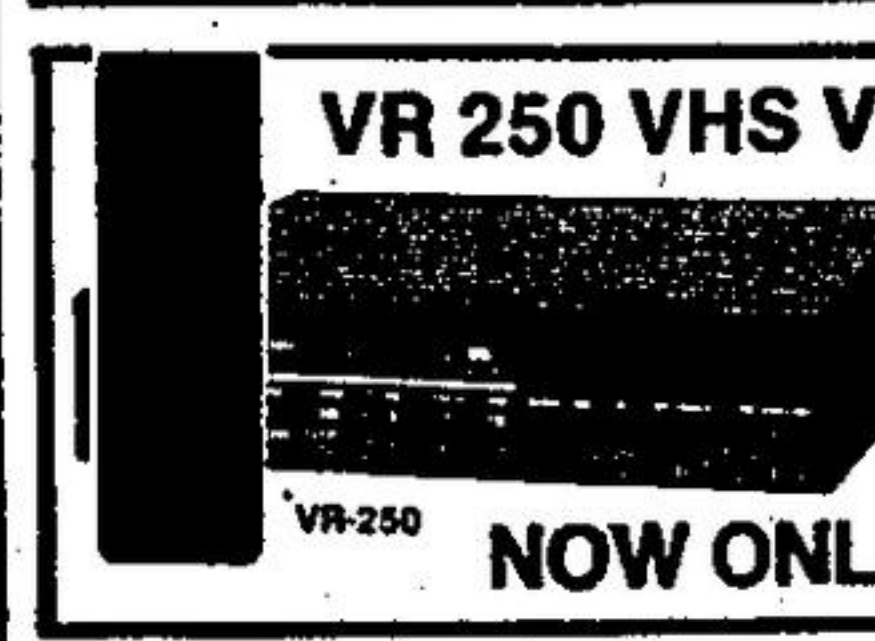
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