

Open house

"If you look real close at this door you'll see my tears," Mrs. Marie Byers (above) said. She and her husband, Larry Byers, recently restored an abandoned century-old home at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road. When the Byers took over the house in 1987, it was a home for wild animals, Mrs. Byers said. But after a lot of hard work it has been transformed into a piece of the Region's architectural history. The Byers invite the public to tour the house on Mother's Day, May 14. (Herald photo)

Victoria Day children's choir

Are you going to be in town for the upcoming Victoria Day weekend? Would you and your family be interested in something that doesn't cost anything? We invite you to come to hear the St. Marys Children's Choir, from St. Marys, Ontario on Sunday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Georgetown Alliance Church Main Street South at the 15th Sideroad. There will be no admission charge to this concert.

Town signs pool deal

The Town of Halton Hills has arrived at a lease agreement on school pools with the Halton Board of Education.

The Board of Education sent letters to the four municipalities, including Halton Hills, in April asking for a renewed contract on the school pools.

Agreements for the Acton and Georgetown pools run out in 1995.

This winter, the board threatened to close and drain MacKenzie-Smith Middle School pool and all pools in the Region if a contract agreement wasn't reached with Halton Hills, Burlington, Oakville and Milton.

A contract signed in the 1970s gave operating responsibility to the municipalities. Repair costs went to the board for "the life of the pool."

Two years ago the board of education spent \$75,000 on repairs to MacKenzie-Smith Pool. This caused board trustees to reconsider its financial role.

But a letter dated April 14 from the Board of Education Director Bob Williams showed continued support for the pools. Mr. Williams wrote that the board would like to renegotiate a 20-year pool contract with the Town of Halton Hills. Each pool life would last 20 years before a new lease is signed. Renegotiations would take place six months before the contract expires.

The 20-year period would define "the life of the pool" issue board trustees have grappled with the past few months.

Board Director of Business Services Jerry Jenkins said trustees vote on the 20-year contract in an in-camera session in April.

"There's nothing new in the letter (to the town)," he said. "But it's an attempt to bring the parties back to the (bargaining) table."

Town council voted Monday night to support Mr. Williams' recommendations to enter a 20-year contract agreement with the board of education.

Brakes blamed in crash

Halton Regional Police say the April traffic death of a Mississauga man travelling south of Norval was the result of a brake failure.

Gary R. Ivan, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene at Sideroad 5 and Winston Churchill Boulevard after his car flipped over and landed in a ditch on the west side.

"The car was in very, very poor mechanical shape," said Sgt. John Bonham of the Halton Regional Police traffic bureau. Sgt. Bonham said the driver was ejected from the car and was not wearing a seatbelt.

With the death of a Milton woman earlier this week, the number of traffic fatalities in Halton Region has climbed to eight

fatal accidents resulting in nine deaths. Six of those traffic deaths were in North Halton. Four of those fatalities were in Halton Hills.

But police say that although figures appear high, the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths is low. Two of the fatalities in Halton were alcohol-related. But police still express concern about seatbelt protection.

POWER meets

Metro Toronto Coun. Richard Gilbert will speak at the next POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) general meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m. at Limehouse Public School.



Skipping school

Grade 8 student, Mark Boere, of Sacre Coeur School in Georgetown grimaces intensely as he attempts the seemingly impossible, skipping two ropes at a time, during the school's skip-a-thon, May 11 to raise money for the Heart Foundation. (Herald photo)

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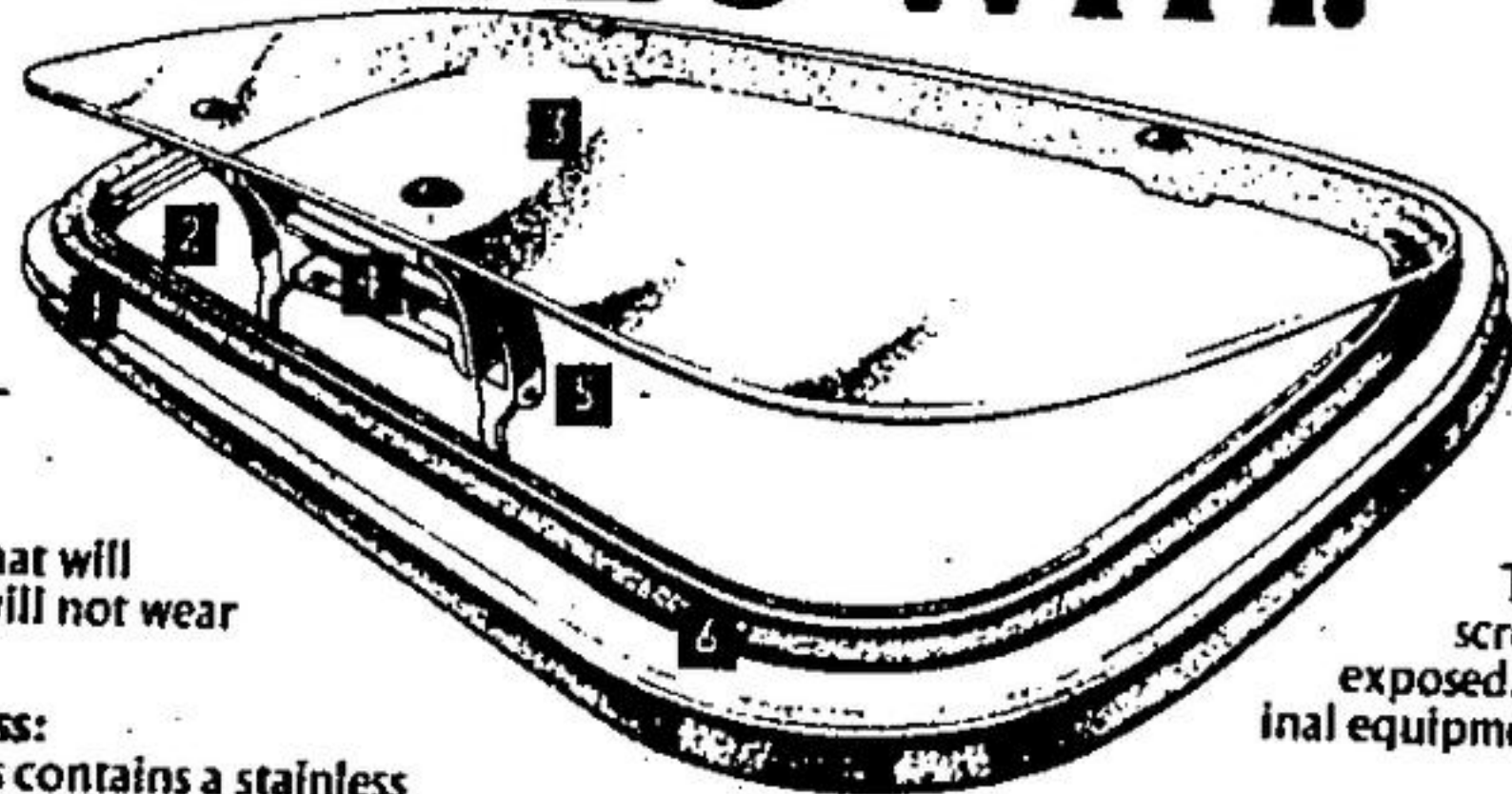
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